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## Elementary student has poem published

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A proud poet at the Grayling Elementary School has been published in a national collection of student writing that was recently released.

A poem called "Rain Relates to Long Ago," which was written by Jordyn Stevens, has been included in the America Library of Poetry's book, "Excellence 2006 Poetry Collection."

Stevens, 10, the daughter of Janet and Jack Stevens, is a fifth grader at Grayling Elementary School.

Stevens submitted the poem for a contest conducted by the America Library of Poetry while she was in Kim Johnston's fourth grade class. Students were encouraged to submit either short stories or poems for the contest.

Stevens' poem is based on the connection between the feelings brought on by a grey rainy day, and the emotions of the Civil War and slavery.

Stevens actually wrote the poem when she was in third grade.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

A poem called "Rain Relates to Long Ago," which was written by Jordyn Stevens, has been included in the America Library of Poetry's book, "Excellence 2006." Above, Stevens displays the book that was released in November.

## Upgrade for 911 equipment approved

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of new equipment that is used to record 911 calls earlier this month.

The need to replace the equipment was prompted by various problems, including some calls that were not being recorded.

"It's just wearing out because it's one of those things that is running constantly," said Larry Akers, the county's 911 dispatch and emergency management director.

It was deemed that the dispatch center would be better served by purchasing a new recording system due to technological advances, since it is too cost prohibitive to repair the current equipment, which is over six years old.

"We probably could limp by for another year, but we don't

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## Grayling students collect food for gym time

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The entire student body at the Grayling Elementary School did some heavy lifting prior to their holiday break in preparation for some future gym classes -- literally.

The students collected a total of 3,577 items for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center -- many of them can goods.

Brian Banda, who teaches gym classes to fourth and fifth grade students during the afternoon session at the school, prompted the food drive.

Banda initiated the food collection after reminding students that the reason for the Christmas season was for giving to others after some students in class were talking about what they were hoping to get for the holiday.

Banda offered the students extra gym classes for every 50 items donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

In a week and half's time, the students showed their "can do"

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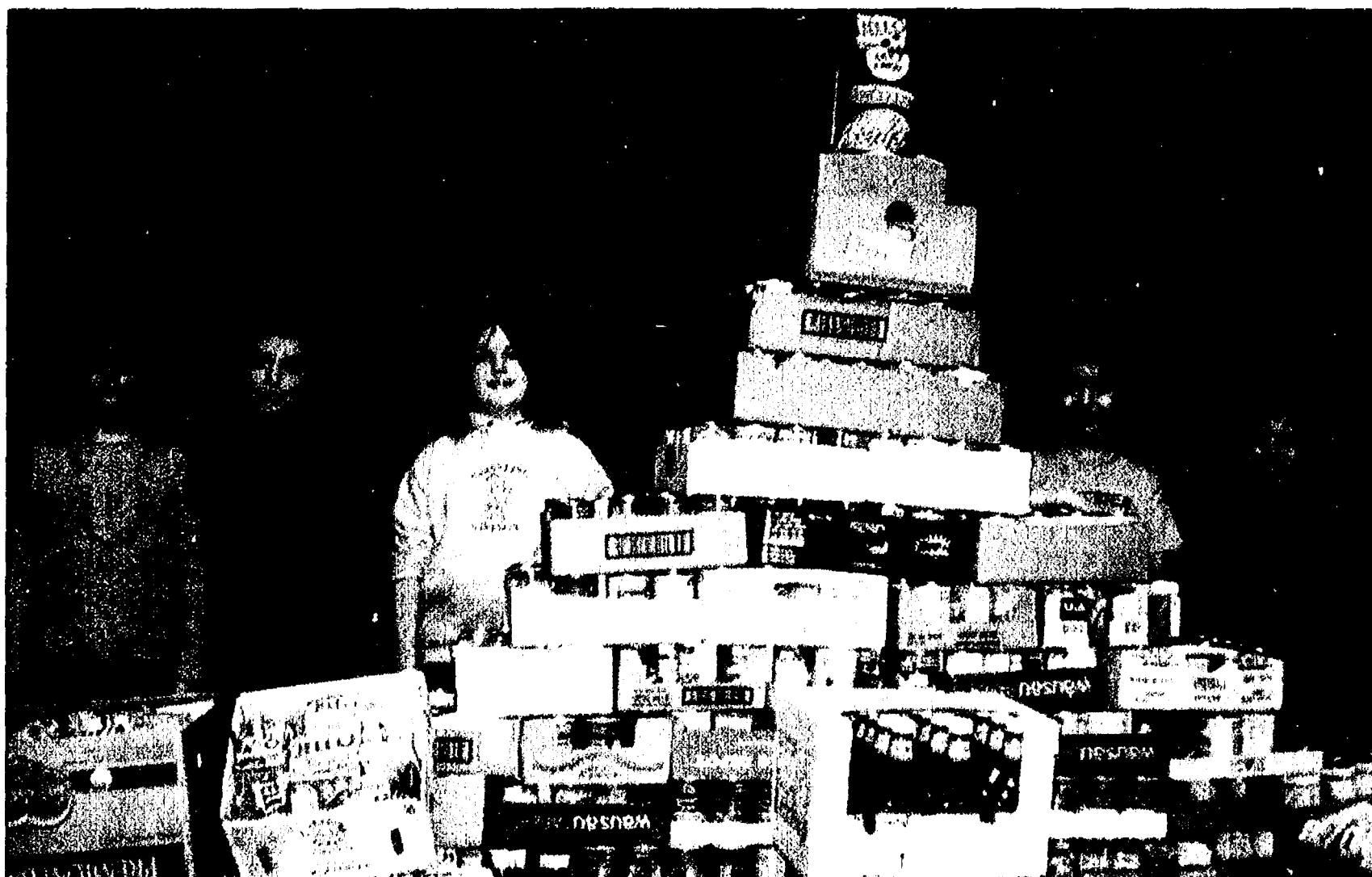


Photo by Dan Sanderson

The can goods and other items collected by the students at the Grayling Elementary School were accumulated on the stage in the school's gym to show the youngsters what they can do when they work together. Above, Emily Jackson, Ben Engbers, Kaylyn Camp, Fred Shippy and Nic Lalonde stand behind the food, which was donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

## City officials study parking problem

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are taking steps to address parking issues in the downtown business district.

David Thayer, the new city manager, is seeking input from Grayling citizens and city officials on the possibility of leasing property in the downtown area for public parking.

Thayer said the city is studying lease options because the city does not have the financial ability to purchase land for parking.

The need to find parking for people frequenting area businesses and downtown events will increase next year, when the \$1.2 streetscape project is being completed in the downtown business district. The City of Grayling was awarded a \$519,767 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water, sewer and street upgrades in the downtown

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# A Cops for Kids Christmas



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, sheriff's deputies and sheriff's office employees went shopping on Friday at the Grayling K-Mart for the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Cops for Kids program. The deputies sell Christmas trees and wreaths to raise funds for the program. A total of 18 children from 10 area families were given \$100 each to spend in the store. Afterwards, the sheriff's office employees and their shopping companions were treated to lunch at the Grayling Pizza Hut, then received a holiday food basket prepared by the Grayling Eagles Ladies Auxiliary for their families. Above, Sgt. Randy Baerlocher helps a youngster pick out some shirts while they were on their shopping excursion.

## Friends of libraries elect officers

The Friends of the Crawford County Libraries recently held an election for their 2007-08 officers. Serving these positions will be: Ginger C. Lyons as president; Laura Purtil as vice president; Renee Wojdan as treasurer; Carol Wolf Britton as secretary; and Nancy Stone as historian.

The Friends were founded in 1999 and grew out of a book club. Their volunteerism was instrumental in helping the current library become a reality in Grayling.

The Friends group is a 501c3 non-profit group whose members act as ambassadors promoting use of the library, its resources and raising funds through volunteer activities to augment library programs. Membership is \$10 a year and meetings are held monthly rotating between the Devereaux library, the Frederic, Beaver Creek and Lovell's branches.

The Friends put on used book



Newly elected officers of the 2007-08 Friends of the Crawford County Libraries from L to R are: president Ginger C. Lyons, Historian Nancy Stone, Treasurer Renee Wojdan, and secretary Carol Wolf Britton. Not pictured is vice president Laura Purtil.

sales each year, assemble, sponsor and donate to "The Mitten Tree" at Christmas time and support many children's activities at the libraries with funds and volunteer workers along with participating in other community events.

The Friends first meeting in

2007 is scheduled at the Devereaux Library for Monday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. Their first social community event will be a Chamber Coffee Hour, hosted by the Friends of the Devereaux Library on Friday, Feb. 9, at 8:30 a.m. Citizens of Grayling are invited to their events.

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grade. She said she was inspired after reading books in the American Girl series about a slave called Addie.

Stevens said her history and social studies are her favorite subjects at school. She has read books about the Civil War and Martin Luther King Jr., and has also followed in the footsteps of her grandfathers, Ralph Stevens and Tom Lamm, who enjoy learning about historical events and figures.

"She's always been a history buff," Jack Stevens said. "She's like a sponge and picks it all up."

Stevens and school officials were notified that she has been published in the book in mid-November.

"It's fun and it makes you feel like you're famous," Jordyn said. "I feel proud and I know my parents are proud."

Jordyn said that she tries to memorize most of her poems, but does write them down, especially when she becomes inspired while on family vacations.

"You just come up with a thought, and try to make it rhyme," Jordyn said. "I find that fun."

Jordyn was recognized in front of her peers at the Grayling Elementary School's monthly

assembly.

"Jordyn's creative writing and deep thinking skills enable her to create pieces that are truly works of art," said Angela Camp, the Grayling Elementary School principal. "We are extremely proud of Jordyn's accomplishment of become a published poet."

Jordyn was also recognized at the Crawford AuSable School Board's December meeting, where she read her poem for the board and district administrators.

"We're just extremely proud of Jordyn being a published author and it's a great example of the wonderful things our students can accomplish," said Joe Powers, the Crawford AuSable School District superintendent.

Thousands of poems and short stories are submitted to the America Library Poetry competitions, which were open to third through 12th grade students.

"We at The America Library of Poetry take great delight in seeing a renewed spark of interest in reading and writing, and hopefully, through our support and recognition of writers, everywhere, we will continue to fan the flames of literacy in America," said Paul Charles, a editor for the America Library of Poetry.

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Baker estimated that between 400 and 500 people attended the Community Christmas Party overall. Although the Legion Hall was a little crowded, the enthusiastic attendees did not seem to complain. It is hoped that the success of this year's event can be repeated next year.

## Revival of Legion's Community Christmas party deemed successful

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Over 400 people attended the community Christmas party co-hosted by the local American Legion and Legion Auxiliary on Saturday, Dec. 23. This was the first time the event had been held in decades.

According to event volunteer Ron Baker, adults who had experienced the party as kids decided to revive the event. "People who had gone to it 20 years ago are now members of the Legion," said Baker.

The resulting event was "well received and well attended," said Baker.

Children and families who attended the free event were treated to a holiday meal featuring everything from hot dogs to ice cream. Volunteers offered a wide variety of activities, including appearances by Santa Claus and his elves. Event organizers even gave away four bicycles.

Baker said the event will likely return next year, although this year's success will be hard to top. "How do you improve it? I don't know. It was very successful, but we're open for suggestions."



Photo courtesy of Ron Baker

Clowns, games and free prizes were all staples of the event. Program volunteer Ron Baker said the energy level of the kids attending the event was "just crazy."

## Grayling students collect food for gym time

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spirit by bringing in can goods, money and other items to meet the challenge.

Students in Andrea Berkshire and Laurie Canfield's third grade classes even started a "penny war." The object of the competition was to see whose class could bring in the most pennies. The students, however, could also sabotage the competing classes penny drive by contributing dollars and coins to the collection, which counted against the total pennies accumulated - thereby raising more money. Students donated their allowances, change found around the house and money for popcorn, which is served as a snack on Fridays at the school.

The pair of classes collected \$350 dollars, which went toward

purchasing 721 cans of food.

"The kids know that there are people that are short on money for food, especially during the holidays," Berkshire said. "It was very impressive."

The fourth graders brought in the most items, with a total of 1670 donated items.

Laurie O'Rourke's fourth graders was the top class, bringing in 708 items for the collection.

Banda, who said he did a similar food drive while working as a social worker for Gaylord Community Schools, said he plans to start the food drive closer to the Thanksgiving holiday next year.

"I'm hoping that this will become an annual tradition that we can build on every year," Banda said.

In all, the students earned 63 extra gym classes. Banda, who also teaches at the high school, will be giving up prep hour, time when he plans for his classes, so the students can take advantage of the extra time in the gym.

At an assembly, where all the donated items were collected on the stage in the school gymnasium, Banda told the students that they may want to redeem their extra gym classes during the spring time when they want to get out of the classroom when the weather gets nicer.

Fred Shippy, a fourth grader in Canfield's class, said he and his fellow classmates were more than eager to help bring food for extra recreational opportunities.

"It feels good being able to help, and maybe this will be somebody's best Christmas when

they get all of this food," Shippy said.

Banda opened up the food drive to the entire elementary school as a way to introducing himself to third graders, who he will see in class in future years.

"This will give me a chance to get to know them a little bit," he said.

Gerry Schroeder, the coordinator for the Crawford County Christian Help Center, said the donated items will help replenish the shelves after the busy holiday season and as donations begin to wane.

"This will help tie us over through the season, and will help fill our shelves so we can continue helping people," Schroeder said.

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## Upgrade for 911 equipment approved

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want to take that chance," said Paul Compo, the county administrator.

The equipment will be purchased from VanBelkum, a company that specializes in emergency communications equipment based in Grand Rapids. The equipment will cost \$10,975, and includes a trade-in feature for the recording units currently used by the dispatchers.

The 911 calls are recorded on a computer hard

drive, then are transferred to a DVD. The county keeps a record of the 911 calls for two years.

Akers said that calls are recorded to give dispatchers a back up for the calls. The calls can also be reviewed if a caller raises a complaint regarding a dispatcher, Akers said.

Fire and police agencies also request copies of 911 calls to review the radio traffic, and the recordings are also used during court proceedings.

## City officials study parking problem

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business district in September.

Contractors will likely be working on half of the street at a time, which will eliminate those parking

spaces.

"We can't sit back and do nothing," Thayer said. "We have to find a solution for our parking problem downtown."

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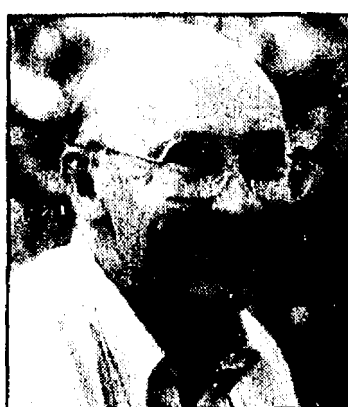
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

### For the New Year, some views of average America

THE NEW YEAR is upon us, promising to bring lots of problems to worry all through 2007 — with wars and taxes just as a starter.

The Almanack always has figured our regular readers, for the most part, are just plain average people.

So, not wanting to add to their list of inevitable woes on the horizon for average America, this week's year-ending effort will steer clear of discussing all turmoil and strife.

Besides, the year end holiday season probably is not the most appropriate time to solve any or all the world's problems.

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WITH THAT in mind, here's a quiz which appeared in the newspaper supplement, *American Profile*, a while back, entitled: "How average are you?" Let's

see if our readers fit among the average.

- More than 80 percent of American adults believe in God, and about 10 percent believe in a "universal spirit."

- Most Americans live within three miles of a McDonald's restaurant and within a 20-minute drive of a Walmart store.

- Most Americans — 83 percent — prefer smooth peanut butter to crunchy.

- Almost 85 percent of Americans earn a high school diploma.

- Almost 90 percent of Americans marry at least once.

- Most Americans — 63 percent — have at least one pet, primarily dogs and cats.

- The average American home is 2,500 square feet.

- Most Americans — 54 percent — have lived in the same home for at least the last five years.

- Most Americans — 74 percent — are in bed before midnight (presumably, their own beds).

- Most Americans — 80 percent — say they generally wake up happy.

- And 52 percent of Americans say they would prefer to be in prison for a week rather than be president of the United States for a week.

I don't know the source of this research, but the figures sound pretty accurate to me. I fit in with most but not all average categories. I also would question a couple of conclusions — such as the average house size of 2,500 square feet, which seems to me a bit high ..... and choosing that week in prison.

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MORE FIGURES — Here's something else I learned by reading my newspaper: According to the 2000 United States

census, 50,454 persons in the United States were 100 years old or older, with 1,388 of them at age 110 or higher.

Women far outnumbered men in these categories, by a 4-1 edge.

In Michigan, the 2000 census counted 1,535 people at 100 years of age, including 40 at 110 or older.

I add my cynical guess far more Americans at one time or another feel as if they were 100 or older — including a whole flock of them who celebrate New Year's Eve immoderately.

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AND FINALLY, some closing thoughts for those who may take life too seriously:

- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

- Honk if you love peace and quiet.

- The early bird may get the worm, but

the second mouse gets the cheese.

- A clear conscience usually is the sign of a bad memory.

- Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

- Remember, half the people you know are below average.

- If you drive too fast, you don't have to worry about cholesterol.

- Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!

- How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

- And to all Almanack readers and friends, a very happy and prosperous New Year for 2007!

# # #

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## Q: Do cougars live here? A: yes. B: no. C: maybe

by Chris Jackett  
Capitol News Service

The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy insists cougars are in Michigan, but the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants more evidence.

Cougars have been reported and documented by more than 20,000 residents, plus 100 DNR employees, in the state over the past 20 years, the conservancy said. However, the DNR doesn't recognize them as living in Michigan.

"It hasn't been in the DNR's interest that there's cougars," said Dennis Fijalkowski, executive director of the conservancy. "Since 1985, we've known about cougars."

He estimated that more than 100 cougars live in the state.

Fijalkowski said that there may be a financial reason the DNR won't acknowledge their existence. Because the cougar is a federally endangered animal, the the DNR would be required to help protect them.

"It's a monopoly. Since 1921, they've had sole ownership of the wildlife population in Michigan," Fijalkowski said of DNR. "When someone talks about wildlife, they think of the DNR."

"Everyone turns to them for the authority. It builds enormous power in bureaucracy."

The cougar population hasn't

grown much in the past two decades because of a genetic problem from inbreeding, he said.

"Cougars survived the early 20th century in remote, privately owned areas in the Upper Peninsula and the northeastern quadrant of the Lower Peninsula," Fijalkowski said. "Both areas were kept forested for deer and wildlife, and cougars survived long enough to follow their prey south in the late 1950s," Fijalkowski said. He said he is concerned that the cougars will meet with those expanding out of the Appalachians, moving west through Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky and making their way up the Western Wildlife Corridor toward Michigan.

"If that is so, the cougars from the Appalachians have different genetic stock and can add new genetic material to the Michigan population," Fijalkowski said. "We could see reproduction in just two to three years throughout southern Michigan and northern Ohio. If that's the case, we'd better do something."

If the cougar population grows larger than 300 in the state, there could be serious problems with cougars threatening people and their pets, because of population density in southern Michigan, he said.

Battle Creek and Bay City

have declared public safety alerts because police have seen the animals in town, and cougars have been killing cats, dogs and, occasionally, horses.

Raymond Rustem, supervisor of the Natural Heritage Unit of the DNR, insists that those killings were investigated and could not be confirmed as cougar attacks.

Rustem attributes many of the cougar reports to large dogs or jaguarundi, exotic cats that resemble smaller cougars. Jaguarundi, allowed as licensed pets in Michigan, live primarily in South America and don't live in the wild much north of southern Texas.

It's been illegal to keep cougars as pets since 1989, and only one is currently licensed in Michigan. Cougars have a 16- to 17-year life span in captivity. Rustem said the DNR confiscated a pair of illegally held cougars in southeastern Michigan as part of an exotic pet trade.

DNR suggest that cougars also may have traveled more than 1,000 miles from South Dakota to Berrien County in southwestern Michigan.

Fijalkowski responds that neither of the scenarios are viable, and that it would take 200 years for cougars to expand from the southwestern corner of South Dakota to Berrien County because female cougars travel no more than five to six miles away from other adult females. The 1,048-mile journey would have to have been made by males only, who have been known to travel 500 to 600 miles in their lifetime, but then were unable to reproduce. The South Dakota group was not discovered until 1990.

Douglas Edwards, the Houghton County prosecutor, encountered a cougar a few

years ago near Lake Linden, about 10 miles north of Michigan Technological University.

"I was on the way to work at about 8:30 in the morning and it crossed the road in front of me. There was a warning on the radio that a cougar was sighted in Hancock by two ladies who were jogging."

"I laughed, and a quarter-mile from my house I saw it and said, 'What is that?'"

"I slowed down, looking in the woods, and it was sitting on his hind legs 20 to 30 feet away. I called a buddy who was a trapper and he said it was a cougar. It had a black tip on its tail, about a 90 to 100-pounder."

Fijalkowski also said that a cougar followed a volunteer along a hiking trail at Sleeping Bear Dunes in Leelanau County for 20 minutes in September 2003. The park has posted warnings and conducted studies of potential cougar interaction.

DNR's Rustem said that there have been hair and scat analysis determined to be from cougars, but those tests did not test where they came from, suggesting that some cougars may simply be "passing through." However, DNR surveys wolf and bear tracks, and said that many people use dogs to hunt other animals, but have not encountered cougars.

"We should be able to detect them in one of those ways," Rustem said. "We haven't had any road kills. North Dakota and Florida have killed cougars in road kills. They have much lower densities of roads than Michigan."

"We're looking for physical evidence. We haven't gotten any really good photographs or videos," he said.

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# BRIEFS

## Blood drive to be held

M.A.T.E.S. will be sponsoring a blood drive at the American Legion Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 3, from noon to 5:45 p.m.

## Financial aid night to be held

Financial Aid Night will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling High School Media Center. Christin Horndt from the financial aid office at Kirtland Community College will be the presenter. Learn about state and federal programs, scholarships, FAFSA, Michigan Merit Award and others.

## Open house at the Matrix to be held

Grayling's new youth club, The Matrix, 6441 W. Pine Point Rd., Grayling, will hold an open house Dec. 26 thru Dec. 30. Monday, Tuesday, and Wed., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., free pool and ping pong. Friday and Saturday, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., concerts each night, cost \$3 cover charge. The Matrix is located on the backside of the Route 72 AutoWash. For information call 348-2025.

## Wash hands often to combat colds and flu

Simply singing the "ABC Song" while washing your hands this winter may help protect you through cold and flu season, according to the Michigan State Medical Society.

While no cures exist for the viral infections yet, some simple precautions may help keep cold and flu germs away.

"It's important to remember that colds and flu germs are viral infections and antibiotics will not affect them," said MSMS (Michigan State Medical Society) president Paul O. Farr, MD, a Grand Raids gastroenterologist. "So asking your doctor for a prescription will not help."

Hand washing is very important to surviving the cold and flu season, Doctor Farr said. The type of soap is not as important as the technique. Rubbing hands together for at least 20 seconds before rinsing with warm water is the key to getting germs off your skin. An alternative to the "ABC Song" is wsing "Happy Birthday" twice.

Surprisingly, transmitting cold and flu germs through saliva is not common. It still may not be a good idea to share a glass with someone else, but you are more likely to get these viral infections through airborne particles from others' coughing and sneezing than by saliva. Touch your nose or eyes only with clean hands. Take extra precaution when putting in or removing contact lenses or applying eye makeup.

Unfortunately, there are no immunizations for the more than 200 identified strains of viruses that cause the common cold. To avoid the flu, however, flu shots are available to everyone as a pre-

ventative measure. Flu shots are recommended especially for young children, older adults and those with weak immune systems.

Here are several quick tips to help prevent cold and flu viruses from affecting you this season:

Wash hands frequently, before and after eating, after using the restroom or after touching money, handrails, elevator buttons, door-knobs, push plates, and drinking fountains.

Do not touch your face unless you have clean hands; germs can live up to three hours on the skin.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you cannot wash your hands properly.

Disinfect surfaces and toys touched often throughout the day, including shared telephones.

Use a humidifier in your home; dry nasal passages allow the germs to stay in the nose and multiply.

When sick, drink plenty of fluids and get as much rest as possible to help you get back on your feet. Avoid spreading viruses by staying away from crowds when you are ill.

Take a sick day if you are sick to avoid spreading a cold or flu to others in your workplace.

The Michigan State Medical Society is the professional association of 15,000 medical doctors in Michigan. The mission of MSMS is to promote a health care environment that supports physicians in caring for and enhancing the health of Michigan citizens through science, quality, and ethics in the practice of medicine. Visit the MSMS web site at [www.msms.org](http://www.msms.org) for other health-related information.

## Tips to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning

You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide, but at high levels, carbon monoxide can be deadly.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced during the burning of fuels such as natural gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal. If fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces or gas stoves are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is not dangerous.

However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result, starving the body of the oxygen necessary to survive. MichCon reminds customers there are things you can do to reduce the threat of carbon monoxide.

Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home, preferably near you sleeping quarters. Additional detectors are recommended on multiple levels and near potential carbon monoxide-producing appliances such as furnaces and water heaters.

Check gas furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances to ensure they are properly installed, vented and maintained, as well as that they are operating properly.

Have a professional maintenance check of your furnace and other fuel burning appliances annually.

Make sure flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition and clear of debris.

Never sleep in a room with unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

Never use a gas range to heat your home.

Never operate a vehicle, lawn mower or grill in a closed garage.

Be aware of the symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide and do not ignore them, particularly if they are being experienced by more than one person in the household.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the common cold or flu. They include headaches, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, shortness of breath and fatigue.

Aside from the physical symptoms, there are other warning signs that CO may be present. If the flame on a natural gas appliance is yellow and creating soot, it's a sign that the fuel isn't burning completely. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, immediately open doors and windows, get out of the house into fresh air. If necessary, seek medical attention.

MichCon customers may contact the utility at 1-800-556-0011 or any local heating contractor to schedule a CO inspection.

## Kirtland seeks input on presidential search, job profile

Christmas and New Year's are always a busy time of year for people. Yet, officials at Kirtland Community College (KCC) are hoping area residents might be able to find a few moments this holiday season to review and comment on a proposed job profile, as the college continues its search to find a successor to President Dr. Charles Rorie.

Rorie, who has served as the top administrator at Kirtland since 2000, this fall announced his intentions to retire as of June 30, 2007. In October, the college's board of trustees hired search consultant David Ponitz, president emeritus of Sinclair Community College of Ohio, to help find Kirtland's sixth president since its inception in 1966.

And KCC officials are now poised to take the next step in the process, that of adopting and publishing a "presidential candidate profile," which will be used to advertise the position and to evaluate potential applicants.

The move comes after Kirtland board members unanimously approved, 5-0, with two members absent, the first reading of the proposed candidate profile at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Kirtland House on the college's main campus near Roscommon. In a separate motion, they also voted to schedule a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, to formally adopt the candidate profile.

"The intent tonight is to see if we can go ahead and post it," said Trustee Denis Weiss, one of two board members on the advisory committee established to assist with the presidential search, at the Dec. 14 meeting. "Is it satisfactory enough where we can go out for comment?"

Dale Shantz, director of human services at KCC and the board's liaison to Ponitz, said the Jan. 4 special meeting is needed to get the board's final approval and meet the advertising deadline for the next edition of "The Chronicle of Higher Education," thus formally starting the application phase of the presidential search. Otherwise, the board would have to wait until its next regular meeting Jan. 18.

"We'd like to get people's reaction," Shantz said. "Then, the board should meet again as soon as it can after the first of the year to OK this."

"Any comments should be forwarded (to the committee) by noon on Jan. 4, so the board can review them," he added.

Persons interested in reading the complete presidential candidate profile may do so online at <http://kirtland.edu/forum>, as well as post any comments they have on the document.

Trustee Roberta Werle voiced her concern about seeking public comment on such an important issue at such a busy time of year -- and on such short notice.

"This is the first time I've seen this," Werle said. "I frankly feel I've been hit by a freight train when I hear the date of Jan. 4."

"We're in the personally busiest time of the year," she added. "I don't think it's fair to the process, or fair to the board. I don't think it's fair to anyone."

But, according to Shantz and other members of the advisory committee, the board needs to keep the process moving forward in a timely fashion to meet various deadlines, such as advertising the president's position in The Chronicle, which loom ahead. Shantz added the committee thoroughly reviewed the profile several times, including at a gathering just prior to the Dec. 14 meeting to complete what should be the document's final version.

"It's the third draft," Shantz

told board members. "The committee came to a full consensus."

"The people the board selected (to serve on the advisory committee) ... I think we've done most of the work for you," he said. "They've done an excellent job."

Trustee Richard Silverman, also a member of the advisory committee, said the deadline for public comment prior to the upcoming special meeting should give those interested in doing so plenty of time to make their voices heard.

"I think the (Jan.) 4th is reasonable," Silverman said. "We're not asking for word-smithing. We're wondering if we've left anything out."

Silverman stressed that posting the proposed candidate profile and seeking public input is important in making the people aware that the presidential search remains an ongoing process and to allow local residents to have an active role in helping to find Rorie's successor.

"We may get some interesting observations," he added. "Then, at the special board meeting in January, the board will act."

Rorie was appointed president of KCC in February 2000 and has had a long and distinguished career as a college teacher and administrator. Before coming to Kirtland, Rorie served from 1995-99 as provost of the Valle Verde Campus of El Paso Community College, in El Paso, Texas, and from 1993-95 as executive dean of the Rio Grande Campus of the same institution.

The 70-year-old Rorie, a fourth-generation native of Texas, said he plans to retire and move back to the El Paso area, which is in close proximity to several family members, with his wife, Judy, of 45 years.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Doctrine of Imputation

Romans 4:22 reminds us of the importance of imputation in eternal salvation. "And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness." The word "therefore" refers us back to the preceding context of Romans 4 in which Abraham is declared to be justified or made righteous by faith apart from works, religious rites, or law. Imputed means to reckon, esteem, purpose, account, be counted, devise, think, etc. Imputation is illustrated by the book of Philemon verse 18. "If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account." Paul is telling Philemon that he is assuming any debt Onesimus the slave may have owed his master Philemon.

There are three important aspects of the Bible doctrine of imputation. First is the imputation of Adam's sin to every human being. Because Adam's sin is imputed to all of us we face death as stated in Romans 5:14: "14Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." "For as in Adam all

die..." (1 Corinthians 15:22). Because Adam's offence has been imputed to all of us, we are under God's judgment unto condemnation. "18Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation..." (Romans 5:18). Because Adam's disobedience has been imputed to all of us we are sinners according to Romans 5:19: "19For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners..." As Romans 3:23 tells us: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." All of us are sinners by birth and by choice because of the sin nature and total depravity imputed to us by Adam the father of us all.

Second is the imputation of our sins upon our Lord Jesus Christ. This was prophesied in Isaiah 53:4-6: "4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." This prophecy

was fulfilled by Jesus Christ: "24Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24). "21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21). God imputed our sins to Jesus Christ as our redeemer who died in our place as our substitute on the cross of Calvary.

Third is the imputation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ to us as believers. As Genesis 15:6 says of Abraham, "6And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." (Romans 4:3). Jesus Christ is "The Lord our Righteousness" as prophesied in Jeremiah 23:6 and 16. This is why Jesus Christ came to earth to take a human body and die for our sins and give us His righteousness. Pastor "B"

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## BIRTHS

Vanessa and Branden Pyle of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Ann, born at Mercy Hospital on December 9, 2006, at 11:07 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Samantha Wilkerson and Mark Mikulin of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on November 27, 2006, at 11:34 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Leslie Trombley of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Kotah Alan, born at Mercy Hospital on December 8, 2006, at 2:41 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Stephanie Peterson and Tony Johnson of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Aiden James, born at Mercy Hospital on December 9, 2006, at 5:15 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 20 1/4 inches in length.

Michelle Kukulski and John O'Connor of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Trista Jean, born at Mercy Hospital on December 12, 2006, at 5:35 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Crystal Priekorn and Timothy Shilts of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Caileigh Rose, born at Mercy Hospital on December 17, 2006, at 2:12 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Casandra Colaiuta and Richard Schwartz of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail Lois, born at Mercy Hospital on December 11, 2006, at 10:56 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length.

## OBITUARIES



David C. McClain

Apr. 6, 1951 - Dec. 22, 2006  
David Clare McClain, 55, of Grayling, passed away after losing a three year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was blessed to be surrounded by his family at home.

David was born on April 6, 1951, in Grayling, to Jerry and Wilda Josephine (Patch) McClain.

He served in the Army National Guard for 27 years as a Federal Warehouse Tech. He married Gayle June Post on June 12, 1972, in Grayling.

He loved to partridge hunt with his father, golf, and simply being surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle; parents, Jerry and Wilda McClain of Grayling; daughter, Brandi (Serge) Varela of New Port Beach, Calif.; brothers, Paul (Janet) McClain of Roscommon, and Greg (Julie) McClain of Grayling; mother-in-law, Gloria Post; sister-in-law, Debra Sala; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life was held on Sunday, December 24, at 2 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling, with pastor David Blake officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

**Hannah E. Hall**  
Oct. 11, 1903 - Dec. 22, 2006  
Hannah (Nancy) Hall, 103, of Rapid City, passed away on December 22, 2006.

She was born in England on October 11, 1903, to the late Fred and Mary Elizabeth (Marsden) Wales.

Hannah was involved with the Girl Scouts, as a leader and organizer in Southfield in the 1940's, and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling.

She is survived by daughters: Joanne (Hank) Davis of Grayling, Rose Marie Kedrow of Sterling Heights, and Mary Ellen (Bob) Murphy of White Lake Township; son, David (Sharon) Hall of Rapid City; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Hall; sons: George Henry, John B. Hall, Jr., Charles Frederick, Arthur Frederick; and one daughter, Ruby Voorheis.

A celebration of life service was held on December 26, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with pastor Robert Barnett officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

**James M. Prall**  
James M. Prall, age 50, of Lovells Township, passed away December 25, 2006.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

**Ronald D. Braman**  
Ronald D. Braman, 73, of Grayling, passed away, on Dec. 5, 2006.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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Sunday School... 10 am  
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service... 7 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm  
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WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: Jan. 3, 11-12, 17, 22, 24-25, and 29. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839.

Flu clinics are being scheduled, call (989) 348-7800, for

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Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled Jan. 16 in Grayling. Call (989)-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three years to third grade. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Dec. 28 - Jan. 3 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will conduct live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Dec. 28 - 29 and Jan. 2 - 3.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until

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## MILITARY NEWS



Pvt. Douglas Hagle

Pvt. Douglas Hagle, recently returned from basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., for a two week stay during the holidays.

He flew into Traverse City, and spent time with his parents, grandparents, and other family and friends. He took in his oldest son's 8th grade basketball game and watched his youngest son's wrestling practice.

He will return to Fort Knox to finish his basic training and then will do his AIT in Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Pvt. Hagle will return to Grayling in May 2007.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

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# Dazzling Decorations



The Beyond the Garden Wall Club, a group of women which meets monthly to learn more about gardening and maintains community gardens at Hanson Hills, the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, made holiday decorations at its meeting earlier this month. Ernie Dawson, the owner of Flowers by Josie, demonstrated how to make holiday arrangements using evergreens, cut flowers and other decorations and offered suggestions to club members as they worked on their decorations. The club also held a cookie exchange at the meeting. Above, Reatha LaFave and Florence Hough work on their decorations.

## Michigan fishing industry trawling for survival

by John Bronze  
Capitol News Service

Michigan's commercial fishing industry began sinking in the Great Lakes before the Edmund Fitzgerald went down in Lake Superior's Whitefish Bay, 31 years ago.

Now the industry has one clear goal — survival. Invasive species and viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) have commercial operators worried there will be no whitefish to catch. Imports from Canada are also a concern.

"The Canadian fishermen are able to catch and process whitefish much cheaper than we can because of the amount of inland lakes and government subsidies," said John Gauthier, owner of Gauthier-Spaulling Fish Co. in Rogers City and a director of the Michigan Fish Producers Association. "I still get the same price for a pound of whitefish, as my father did in the 1950s."

Ron Thill, owner of Marquette-based Thill Fisheries, said, "Canadians do dump fish in Michigan. It doesn't affect me as much as it does the bigger fisheries."

The crown corporations, which are subsidized by the Canadian government, include Northern Native Fishing Corp., which helps create and sustain new fisheries in northern Canada, and Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp., which promotes Canadian fish in international markets.

Other subsidy programs include pensions and health care for Canadian workers, and creating a new commercial fishing industry on Cape Breton Island near Nova Scotia.

In the United States, the Sea Grant program helps coastal communities, including those on the Great Lakes. The federally funded operations study rip currents on the Great Lakes,

designate shipwreck zones and promote Michigan's commercial fishing industry.

Among the invasive species of concern is the zebra mussel that eats the same small organisms that whitefish eat.

Ron Kinnunen, director of the Michigan State University Extension program in Marquette, said the decline in whitefish size might be attributed to the decline in the food supply available to whitefish.

Another problem is VHS — which causes internal bleeding in fish's tissue — entering into the Great Lakes. On Oct. 24, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, temporarily banned 37 fish species from entering the Great Lakes.

The decline in the state's fishing industry appears to have begun about 50 years ago.

In 1968, the Department of Natural Resources decided to promote sport and recreational fishing on the Great Lakes and limit commercial fishing by creating quotas on pounds of fish taken from the Great Lakes, said DNR fisheries biologist Tom Goniea.

The number of commercial fishing operations peaked around 1,500 in the 1960s and sank to 60 in 2006. Only about 30 of them are active and have at least one boat registered with the DNR.

Gauthier said, "During the '60s we had a lot of construction workers that were weekend fishermen. But after the quotas, a lot of fishermen left because it wasn't profitable."

A botulism scare in the late 1960s also called into question the safety measures used by the fishing industry. Botulism spores are found naturally in all fish, but the likelihood of spores increases if the fish aren't refrigerated soon enough.

Kinnunen said, the scare started when a buyer left smoked fish in his car, unrefrigerated, and botulism spores grew in the fish and made the consumer ill.

Bans were imposed on commercial fishing for lake trout, salmon and other Michigan sport species during the 1970s.

During the 1980s, the market for carp was eliminated due to contaminants in the fish. A 2000 court order, which designated tribal and state waters, lowered fish quotas and limited or banned gill nets.

The DNR regulates the commercial fishing industry, and it has no plans for programs to help the commercial fisherman.

"There are no funds for the industry," said Goniea.

However, to help the industry Sea Grant has operations in Tawas, Traverse City, Grand Haven and other shoreline cities.

One Marquette Sea Grant program promotes whitefish on taste and quality, and is helping create a brand name and Web site for Michigan commercial fisheries.

That quality assurance program will create guidelines that include processing fish within 24 hours of catch, vacuum-freezing fish with plastic sleeves and getting fillets to market within 24 hours. The goal is to promote quality and freshness of Great Lakes fish over ones imported.

"I can guarantee that my whitefish makes it to my market in about a day," said Thill.

The brand name will be introduced in 2007, and the goal is to have customers recognize the name and logo as Michigan whitefish.

Kinnunen is also teaching operators to handle fish in ways that meet food safety laws.

Currently, Great Lakes' commercial fishing boats can net only whitefish and chubs,

except in Saginaw Bay, where fishing for perch, catfish, carp, sheepshead and quillback are permitted.

"The minimum size for perch is 8 1/2 inches," said Goniea. "There are no limits for carp and sheepshead fishing."

The last program the DNR conducted with Michigan's commercial industry was 2001. The three-year study measured the most successful depths to catch whitefish.

Gauthier said, "The program helped me a lot. I know at what depths to set my nets in the spring, summer and fall. The whitefish moves with the water temperature."

The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, a freighter carrying iron ore, went down in a Nov. 10, 1975 storm, 17 miles from Whitefish Point. All 29 crew members died.

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**Trip #2**  
Thursday, January 4, 2007  
"Out to Lunch Gang" Gaylord  
Lunch at the Ponderosa and shopping at Walmart  
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.

**Trip #3**  
Thursday, January 18, 2007  
"Out to Lunch Gang" Petoskey  
Lunch and shopping in the Gas Light District  
Departing the Center at 10:00 a.m.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging  
Contact Louise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat  
\*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Basketball team falls to Rayders

In its last game before the holiday break, the GHS varsity boys basketball team lost a league game at Charlevoix 61-46.

The Rayders led 40-20 at half-time and won the game by 15

points.

The Vikings fell to 1-3 overall, and 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference with the loss.

Leading scorers for Grayling at Charlevoix were: Mike

Boylan, 14 points, 13 rebounds, 3 blocks; Jim Boylan, 9 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks; Nick Parkinson, 7 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists; Steve Hodge, 6 points; Richard Schreiber, 3 points, 3

assists, 3 rebounds, 4 steals. Spencer Dean, Trent Larm, Josh Stapleton, and Rocky McNamara also scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings will host East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 5.

## HUNTING



**Jared Moreau of Burton, while visiting Grayling, shot his first buck on Nov. 24 during a hunting trip in Roscommon County with his aunt, Sandra Rowe. It was an 11-point buck that weighed 150 pounds.**

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

**Men's Team**

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team will have to keep on looking for its first conference victory of the 2006-07 season, after falling to

host Schoolcraft Community College, 100-75, on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The loss by the visiting Firebirds to their Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Eastern Conference rival drops Kirtland to 5-5 overall. More importantly, it leaves the Firebirds winless in MCCA action at 0-3.

"Disappointing," said Kirtland head coach Glen Donahue,

whose team trailed 44-31 at half-time. "I thought going in we'd do better. We just didn't play well tonight."

Freshman forward Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) led the Firebirds with 31 points, 3 steals and 2 assists.

Other scorers for Kirtland included: freshman forward James Conway (Gaylord) with 12 points and 9 rebounds; freshman forward Leroy Allen (Henry

Ford Academy) with 12 points and 8 rebounds; sophomore forward Sal Kabara (Eldon Academy) with 9 points; freshman forward George Shobola (Divine Child) with 6 points; and freshman forward Jerry Follet (Northwestern, MD) with 3 points and 8 rebounds.

For more information on KCC athletic programs, call 989-275-5000, extension 385, or visit online at firebirds.kirtland.edu.

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## Rose honored with annual Ralph Sperry Memorial Award

Once a year, the C.O.O.R. Board of Education and R.O.O.C., Inc. present the Ralph Sperry award. This memorial award is given to an individual in recognition of his or her contributions to assist people with disabilities to overcome barriers and to participate fully in their communities. This year's recipient is Peggy Rose.

Rose has been an advocate for people with disabilities in our community since 1986. In April of 2000, she was appointed to the North Central Community Mental Health Board. As the parent of an adult son with disabilities, she has helped the NLCMH board understand the needs of the people they serve and she consistently encourages them to continue to prioritize vocational services.

Recently, Rose was part of a select group who participated in a Michigan Department of Community Health focus group to provide input to the State of Michigan about issues related to people with disabilities.

She has also been a long-term volunteer for Special Olympics, has volunteered for many activities sponsored by ROOC, Inc., and has participated in the MARO Day at the Capital, where she encouraged local legislators to prioritize funding for mental health services.

"Rose's advocacy has made a significant difference in the lives of people with disabilities in our community and we are pleased to recognize her as the 2006 Ralph Sperry Award Winner," said Cherie Johnson, Executive Director of ROOC Inc.



The Ralph Sperry Award was presented, at the December 13 board meeting, to Peggy Rose (left). Presenting the award is Clarice Sperry (middle), wife of the late Ralph Sperry, and Bob Carpenter (right), President of the COOR Board of Education.

## KCC board considers affiliation with sonography program

New doors and new opportunities could open for Kirtland Community College and its students, if the college's board of trustees approves a collaborative effort to host a new, specialized medical ultrasound program at its Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord.

Board members approved the first reading of a proposed agreement that would allow Kirtland's M-TEC to form an educational partnership with the privately-owned Upper Peninsula School of Cardiovascular Sonography (UPSOCs), at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Kirtland House on the college's main campus near Roscommon.

The proposed affiliation, which would include the creation of a new two-year degree program to be offered through Kirtland, and lease agreement with UPSOCs would not be official, however, until it's approved by the KCC board a second time at its next meeting Thursday, Jan. 18. That meeting

is slated to start at 7 p.m.

"This program we're looking to form a partnership which will be one of 14 in the nation and the only one like it in Michigan," said Dr. Karen Brown, the associate dean of instruction at KCC. "This is a specialized program in cardiovascular sonography," compared to the more general medical ultrasound programs offered at other schools.

"We already have support from various medical facilities in northern Michigan to help us in advisory roles and to provide practice sites," she added.

According to KCC officials, there are at least six other accredited ultrasound programs in Michigan, including three at other community colleges. But all six are located in southern Michigan and do not offer a specific cardiovascular program, such as the one currently being taught by UPSOCs at its campus in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dr. Doty Latuszek, KCC M-TEC provost, said the owners of UPSOCs, Chris and Evalene Martin, talked with several col-

leges over the past year in hopes of offering their students a chance to earn a two-year degree to go along with the school's existing certification. Already boasting an excellent nursing program and being centrally located in northern Michigan, Kirtland looked to be a good fit and college officials proposed the two parties join forces.

The agreement, once official, would allow the two schools to formally offer an affiliated area of study and a chance for students to graduate with an associate's degree in applied science in cardiovascular sonography from KCC.

"It's a field that's growing," Brown said. "It's growing because (sonography) is a non-evasive procedure. We're pretty excited."

"We're starting with the collaborative model," she added. "We're merging our resources right now."

And students could start taking prerequisite courses online for the proposed sonography program, including medical ter-

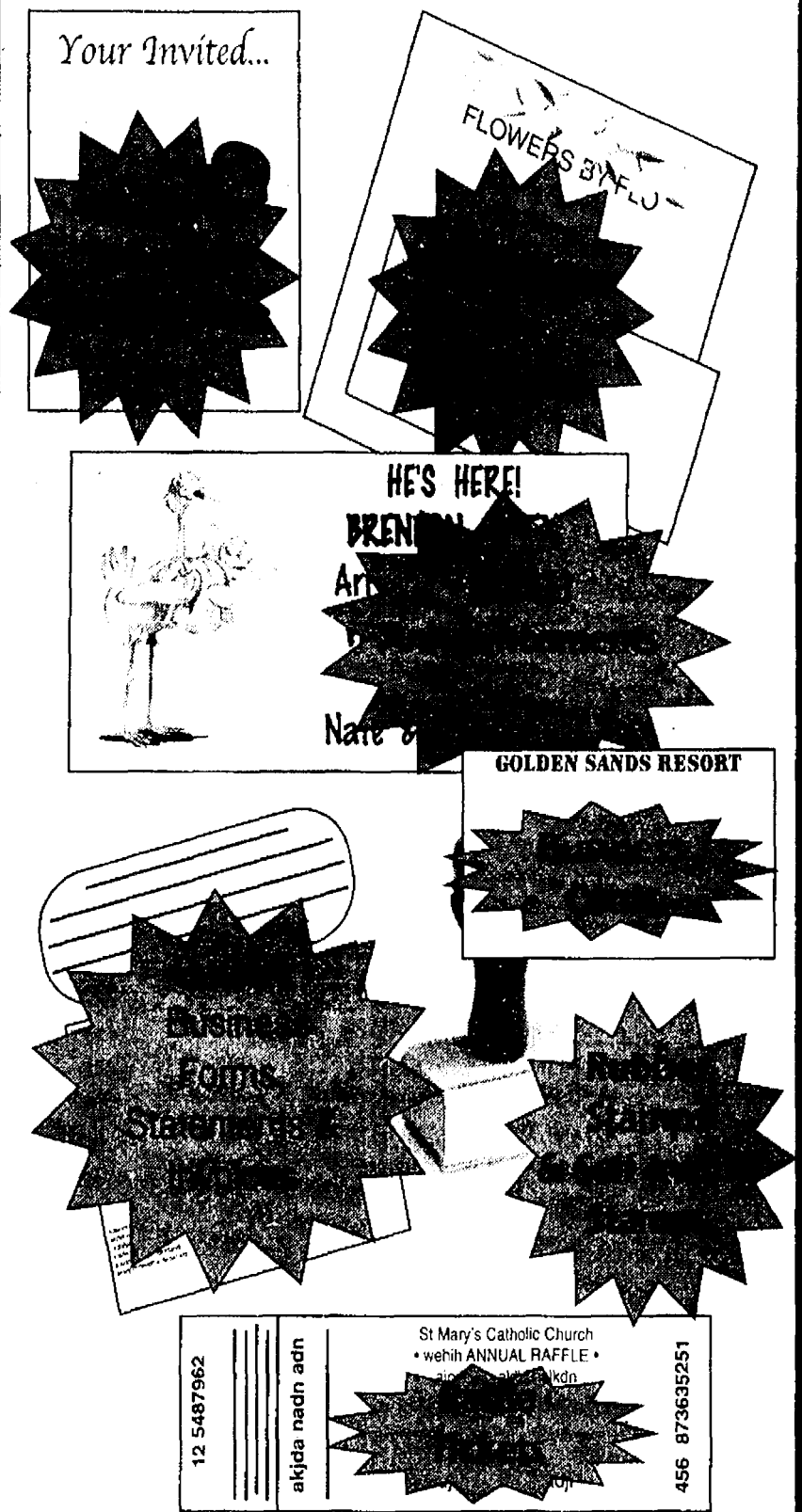
minology, and anatomy and physiology, during the upcoming winter semester that begins Jan. 13, 2007. Students will be able to sign up for classes after the holidays from Jan. 8-12.

According to Brown, enrollment for the sonography program will be held at least twice a year and limited to 20-25 students for the 15-month course of study, with the next application period slated for May 2007. KCC officials hope to start setting up classrooms at that time at the M-TEC facility in Gaylord and begin hosting the program starting in June 2007.

"This is a win for Kirtland, a win for students, a win for UPSOCs and a win for M-TEC," Latuszek said. "The lease of two classrooms for the new program would yield us about \$22,000 per year, plus the credit and contact hours generated by their students taking courses through Kirtland."

For more information on UPSOCs and its sonography program, visit online at [www.upsocs.com](http://www.upsocs.com) or [www.kirtland.edu](http://www.kirtland.edu).

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# Homeschool students learn karate

The Grayling Homeschool group celebrated their advancement in karate. The New World Karate class taught by Master Zack Burns, held 12 week of classes as part of the homeschools physical education class. The classes were held at the Assembly of God, located in Grayling.



Students pictured: Billy, Bob, Nathan, and Shane Buckles, Jerry Chumack, Easton Farrell, Anthony, Benton, Quincy, Robert, and William Lech, Lucas Lowe, Kevin, Taylor Pierpoint, Katie Schultz, Stuart Tominson, Aaron and Adam Wojdan, Joe and Katelynn Wolf and Master Zack Burns.

## Illegal ORV uses damaging state forest trails

by Brian McVicar  
Capitol News Service

Besides loose dirt and tire tracks, not much stands out about the hill next to the Old State House Trail in Isosco County.

But to Dick Ranney, the hill symbolizes an issue that's hurting the state's forests: illegal off-road vehicle use.

Ranney, who serves as chair of the Michigan Off-Road Vehicles Trail Advisory Board, has been riding the trail for 30 years. Through that time, he's seen ATV users leave the designated trail and gun their machines up the hill, leaving it littered with piles of loose dirt and grass.

"It's cut down now by about a foot," he said. "You can see fresh tracks around the hill."

Like the hill on the Old State House Trail, other spots in forests across the state are being damaged by illegal off-road vehicle use.

In 2005, a State Forestry Initiative audit emphasized the harmful effects of illegal off-road vehicle use.

The audit said that illegal off-road use is particularly damaging when operators ride along eroding river banks.

In response to the audit, Jim Radabaugh said the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) implemented a database that tracks where off-road violations have occurred and updated the state's off-road vehicle hand-

book.

It's currently developing a strategy to use the Internet and advertisements to educate off-road vehicle users about the damage caused by illegal use, Radabaugh said.

"It gets into a marketing area we've never been before," he said.

DNR lacks the money to monitor and maintain all its trails, said Anne Woiwode, state director of the Sierra Club.

There are 3,100 miles of off-road vehicle trails in Michigan, 73 percent within state forests.

Because the trails aren't consistently monitored, Woiwode said, users often leave the designated trails, killing vegetation and creating new paths.

The state hasn't posted enough signs indicating which trails are not to be used, leaving riders confused, Woiwode said. In the Lower Peninsula, off-road vehicle use is illegal unless a posted sign allows it.

"This is a very difficult thing to police," she said. Woiwode said that when a

rider creates a trail, it creates a hospitable environment for an invasive species called the spotted knap weed that thrives in hard-packed dirt.

"When you open roads, you create roads for this invasive species," Woiwode said. "Eventually, that's the only plant you see in the area."

Chris Morris, an enforcement officer in the DNR Gaylord office, said most of the area's violations involve riders climbing hills and driving through wetlands.

"To them, the wetlands are meant for spraying mud and seeing how far they can go without getting stuck," he said. "They love the wetlands."

Morris oversees the five enforcement officers who patrol Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency counties.

About 75 tickets were issued in 2005 for illegal off-road vehicle use in those counties, he said. Statewide, 721 tickets were issued in 2005 for illegal off-road vehicle use, according to the DNR.

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# Indian Trails to provide Upper Peninsula bus service and expand routes in Lower Peninsula

The State Transportation Commission recently announced the selection of Indian Trails to provide intercity bus service in the Upper Peninsula starting Feb. 1. The selection of the Michigan-based bus company guarantees that bus service will continue uninterrupted once the current contract with Greyhound expires Jan. 31. In addition, Indian Trails is also adding service along the US-127 corridor connecting Lansing (and points in-between) to St. Ignace.

"Thousands of people in Michigan depend on intercity bus service to travel across the Upper Peninsula," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "When we learned that Greyhound did not wish to extend its contract, we contacted Indian Trails to request a proposal to extend its service to include the Upper Peninsula. As an existing contract carrier, and

a Michigan-based company, Indian Trails was well-suited to ensure that quality intercity bus service would continue. To guarantee there would be no gap in service, our staff worked quickly to hammer out the details."

The contract will retain the existing service between St. Ignace and Ironwood (via Escanaba), and between Calumet and Milwaukee, Wis. (via Marquette). Connection to the national intercity bus network will be maintained through Milwaukee and beyond. The daytime service from Calumet (via Treeny) to Menominee will be dropped.

Service will be added in February for Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Harrison, Houghton Lake, Grayling, Gaylord, and Indian River, then connect to the Upper Peninsula service.

"Indian Trails is pleased to work with the Michigan Department of Transportation in order to maintain daily service to the Upper Peninsula. We are also excited about the new service running through the middle of the state," said Gordon Mackay, president, Indian Trails. "It is our intention to improve the level of service and be a valued transportation option for the good citizens of Michigan."

The two-year contract with Indian Trails includes an operating budget of \$25 million, which comes from a combination of state and federal funds. Indian Trails will operate seven days per week, 365 days each year.

"Intercity bus service is a critical component of



Beginning in February Indian Trails will provide bus service in Upper Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

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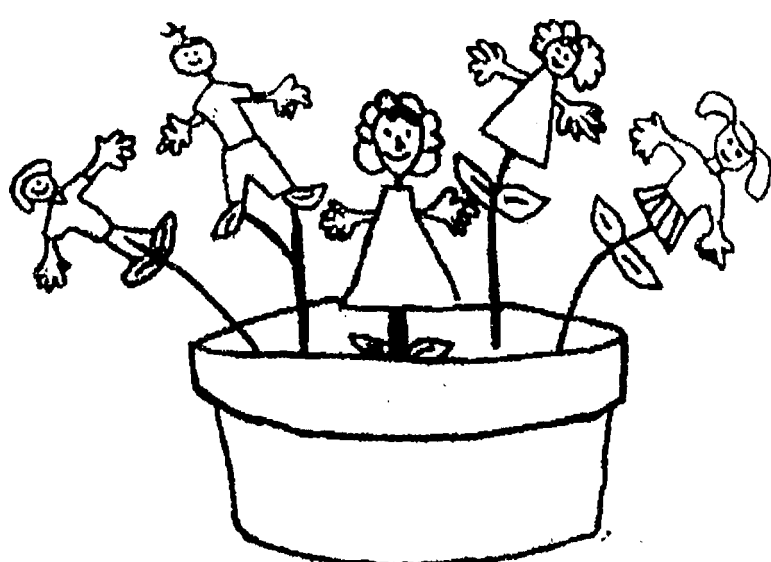
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Greyhound will continue to provide service along major corridors such as I-94, I-96, and Flint to Toledo, Ohio (via Detroit).

For more information about these routes, contact Indian Trails at 800-292-3831, or [www.indiantrails.com](http://www.indiantrails.com). A Michigan intercity bus route map - showing all the bus routes in the state as of Feb. 1, - can be viewed at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOT\\_Intercity\\_Bus\\_map\\_February\\_2007\\_178786\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOT_Intercity_Bus_map_February_2007_178786_7.pdf).

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## 2006: Year In Review

Happy New Year!

With 2006 at an end, the Crawford County Avalanche presents its annual Year In

Review.

The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories featured in 2006

Crawford County Avalanche editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspa-

per edition date in which the story appeared.

The 2006 Year In Review will be published in two

parts. This week's Crawford County Avalanche includes the months of January through June.

The months of July through December will be featured in next week's Crawford County Avalanche.

### January '06 - Year In Review

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The Michigan Supreme Court agreed to hear a case involving the funding of pension and post retirement health care benefits for the 46th Trial Court that officials in Crawford and Kalkaska Counties had appealed.

Rose Mary Nelson, the military clothing sales store supervisor at the Post Exchange at Camp Grayling, prepared to leave the community to work at established post exchange stores in the Middle East to support Operating Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Col. Dennis D. Hull, the commander for Camp Grayling, awarded Nelson with the Michigan Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate for her support to the armed forces training at Camp Grayling.

Grayling artist Kim Diment unveiled her painting, "Against the Clock." A Run for the Grevy's zebra, in an effort to raise funds and awareness of the plight of the wild horses in Kenya.

Jocelyn Millikin, the first child for Toni and J.C. Millikin of Grayling, was born on Jan. 1 as the official first baby for 2006 at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

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Crawford County United

Way officials planned for the annual Care Night auction.

Former Grayling resident Margrethe "Jean" Michelson, the granddaughter of Margrethe Michelson and Nels Michelson and niece of Karen Elizabeth (Michelson) Hartwick, the wife of Edward Hartwick, was remembered by area residents after she died on Dec. 31, 2005.

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association received an increase in funding from the Department of Natural Resources to help cover the fuel costs for grooming local snowmobile trails.

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Michael Patrick Bergan was sentenced to serve 10 to 15 years in prison for a charge of attempt to great bodily harm less than murder, which was linked to the May 29, 2001 murder and death of Shane Piehl.

Grayling High School students Matthew Smock and Mitchell Salyers, employees for New Wave Products of Grayling located at Route 72 Autowash, introduced the New Tailgate Rinse Manifold, a device designed to remove hard to reach leftover soap residue left on the back of larger vehicles at car washes.

The Crawford AuSable School Board approved a contract with Forest Resources

Management of Frederic for the sale and harvest of about 40 acres of forest land located just north of County Road 612 off of Old 27 in Frederic Township.

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Michael Lee of Opus Mime performed at the Red Hatters and Mad Hatters Tea Party held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Larry Martin Beaman, a convicted sex offender on Crawford County Sheriff's Department Most Wanted List, was brought back to Grayling to face charges. Beaman fled the Grayling area in April, 1996 after failing to report to jail to serve time for cocaine, criminal sexual conduct and fraud charges, all felonies ranging from four to 10 years in prison. Beaman was apprehended in Indiana as part of Michigan State Police initiative to track down convicts who fail to comply with the state's sex offender registry requirements.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling donated dolls to Mercy Hospital Grayling to comfort young patients when they come to the hospital for treatment and to allow hospital emergency room staff to demonstrate on the dolls what part of body needs to be treated or is affected.

### February '06 - Year In Review



The Wertz Warriors held a fund-raiser at the Swamp Bar in Frederic as they prepared to travel to the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games. Mark "The Bird" Fidrych (pictured), a former Detroit Tiger pitcher and baseball's American League rookie of the year in 1976, was one of the Wertz Warriors riders.

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Grayling area residents loaded a truck with hundreds of books gathered by 2000 Grayling High School graduate Tasha Carlisle, which were shipped to Africa as part of project called "Giving the Gift of Reading - Ghana" to establish a library for underprivileged children.

A team from Grayling, sponsored by Big Gator Painting, won its sixth consecutive Tip-Up Town Softball On Ice championship, posting a 3-0 record in the annual tournament held on the ice of Houghton Lake during the Tip-Up Town winter festival.

A mechanical failure caused flooding at the former Frederic Elementary School and forced adult education, Headstart and enrichment activities to relocate during the clean-up which cost over \$20,000.

The City of Grayling's Parks and Recreation Committee kicked off a drive to establish a skate park for youth in the community.

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Pianist/arranger Rich Ridenour performed at the Grayling High School Auditorium as part of the Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series. Ridenour also appeared at assemblies for Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary school students and paid a visit to Mercy Manor, where he entertained residents with classic ragtime and jazz songs.

The Grayling Visitors Bureau unveiled a number of brochures aimed at targeting the special interests of people who come to the community for attractions, events, places to go and activities such as hunting, lake fishing, trout and fly fishing, hiking and biking and bird watching.

The Wertz Warriors rolled through Grayling as they marked their 25th anniversary and nearly \$6.5 million raised to sponsor the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games.

Grayling and Beaver Creek Townships received a \$18,750 Department of Environmental Quality grant to help remove scrap tires from Weaver's Repair and Recycling Yard, a salvage yard in Maple Forest Township, and Wakeley's Auto Parts, located in Grayling Township, as part of the the community's ongoing scrap tire removal initiative.

The Crawford County United Way raised about \$10,000 at its annual Care Night held at the Grayling Eagles Club.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce held its 2005 Community Awards Night. Ann Stephenson, the owner of Riverland, received the 2005 Athena Award, and Brad Scheer, the owner of Scheer Motors and the sponsor for the Athena Award, received the Citizen of the Year Award. Carol and Dan Carney, the owners of the Moose Pub, were honored with the Silver Lining Award for building renovations made at the restaurant. Kim Millikin was recognized as the Ambassador of the Year Award.

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The City of Grayling applied for a \$799,855 Community Development Block grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water and sewer extensions and road improvements in the Grayling Industrial Park in connection with 50 jobs being added at Springs Wood Products.

Kim Millikin took the oath of office as a Grayling City

Councilwoman, replacing Joe Ferrigan, the former Grayling mayor who resigned to devote more time coaching the Grayling High School wrestling team.

Marilyn and Charlie Fick and Donna and Jim Carmean were among a group of volunteers who helped the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita in Mississippi through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

The Grayling High School wrestling team clinched the Lake Michigan Conference league championship, posting a 12-0 record.

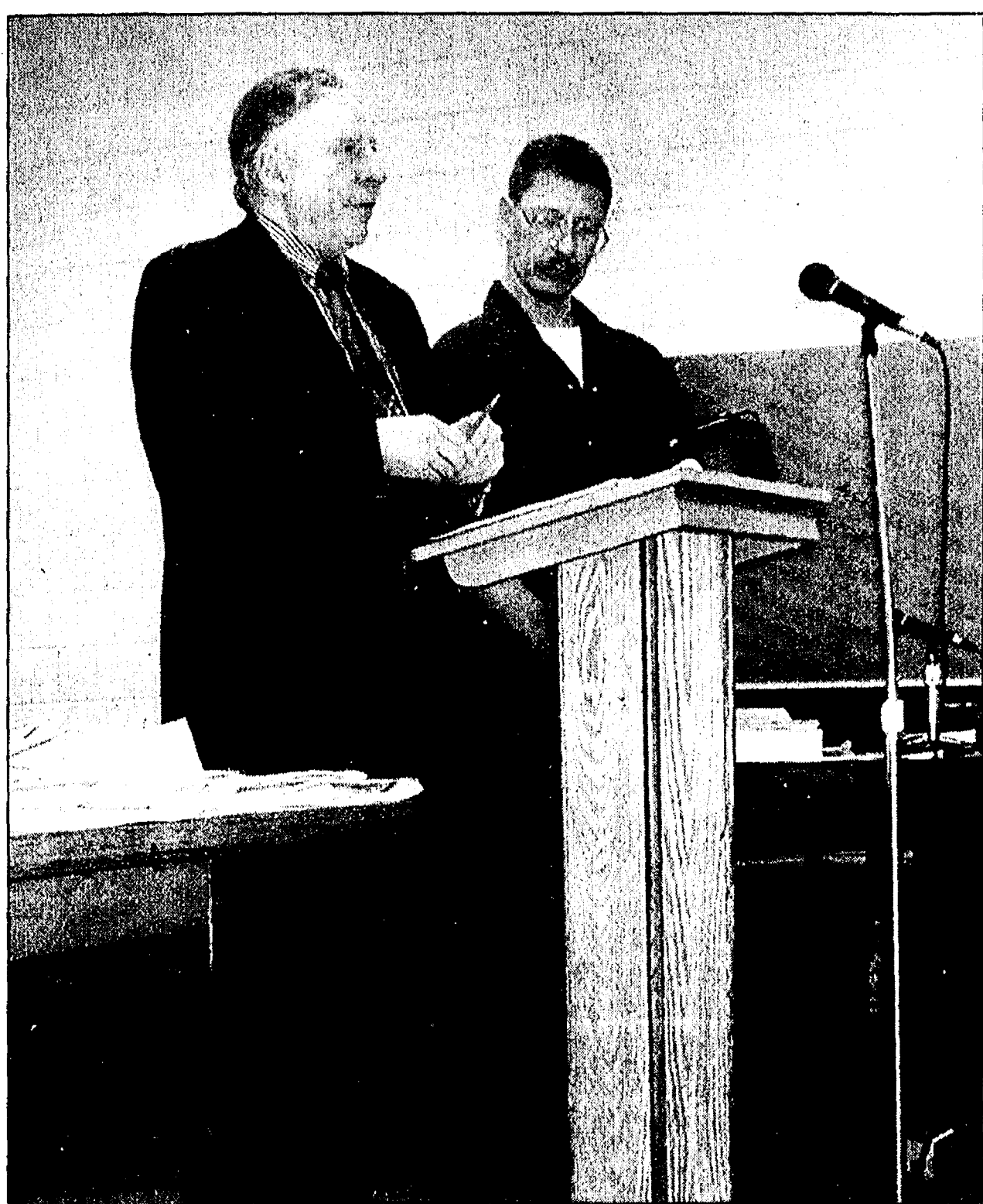
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The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved a financial agreement with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. for construction of a new shelter on Crawford County Fairgrounds property as well as the design plans for the new facility.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners reaffirmed a commitment to Grayling Little League board members that property at the Crawford County Fairgrounds was available for the construction of future ball fields.

Randi Oehlers, the information systems technical director for Mercy Hospital Grayling, her 14-year-old daughter, Brittany, and retired nurse Ruth Doss were among a group sponsored by the Gaylord Rotary Club which provided medical treatment to people in San Juan and the village El Rosario during a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Scott Kahn, Brock Prater, Jake Haight Kris Brown and Travis Hunter were all medal winners representing Crawford County at the 2006 Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games.



Michael Patrick Bergan was sentenced on Thursday, Jan. 12, to serve 10 to 15 years in prison for a charge of attempt to great bodily harm less than murder, which is linked to the murder and death of Shane Piehl.



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# Year In Review

## March '06 - Year In Review

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The Grayling Eagles Club raised over \$4,000 during its second annual fund-raiser for the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund with a Mr. America Contest, where male club members dressed in drag and held a mock beauty pageant.

Mercy Hospital Grayling received a \$200,015 rural utilities grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to establish a community electronic medical records keeping system at the hospital's outpatient clinics located in Grayling, Roscommon and Prudenville, which will allow doctors to quickly access a patient's medical history with records taken at the hospital and the clinics.

Craig Parrish, a Lansing man who organizes and plans car shows, announced a plan to have Old 27 in Crawford County established as a state Heritage Route to recognize the historical and recreational significance of the roadway.

9

Mary Ann Thompson had her head shaved at A Cut Above to support her mother Josephine Kerch, who was undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

A nine-foot bronze statue, aimed at illustrating the story of creation and salvation which was designed by Mt. Clemens sculptor Tony Bellomo, was unveiled at the St. Mary's Church as part of the church's \$2 million addition.

Christian Record Services and the National Camps for the Blind sponsored a week-long retreat for 32 blind campers at Camp AuSable, which included skiing, visiting the nature center, cross country skiing, horseback riding, swimming, a carnival, ceramics and crafts, table-bowling tournaments and air hockey tournaments.

19

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners started a program to make interest free loans available to business owners for facade improvements through the county economic development fund.

The Friends for Miracles, a local women's fund-raising group, traveled in their cars instead of snowmobiles due to inclement weather for their annual benefit ride to raise money for Amanda McClellan of Grayling, who still battles with illnesses after receiving a kidney from her father last year.

Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy sentenced Brian James Dawson II, a former veterinarian for Grayling Hospital for Animals to serve 30 days in the Crawford County Jail for a charge of larceny in a building, which involved taking pain medication from the clinic used to treat sick animals.

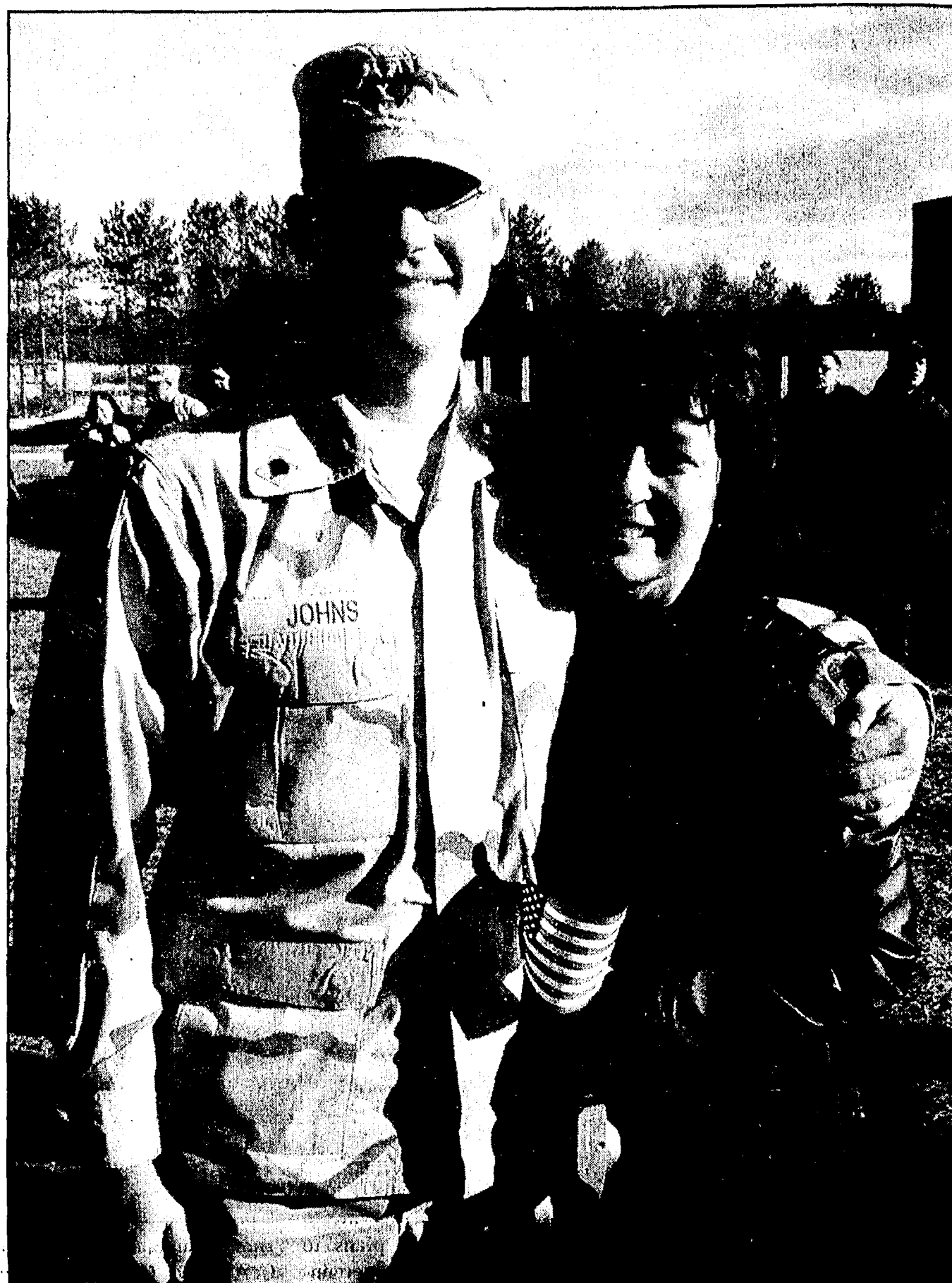
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Bryan Bearss, a 1995 Grayling High graduate, was one of four rookies who took part in the 34th Iditarod, traveling the 1,449 miles from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska for the infamous dog sled race.

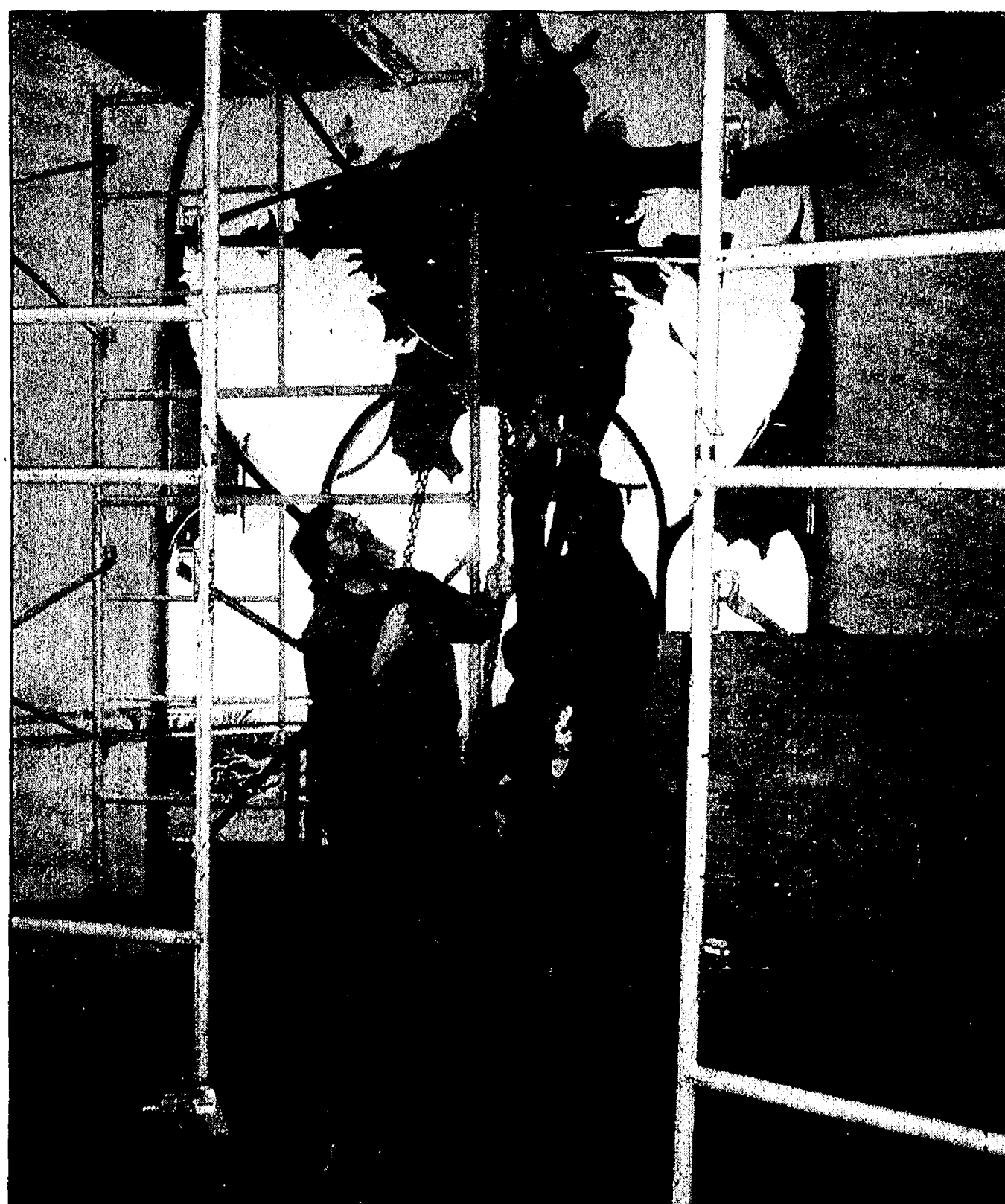
Maranda Shear and Eric Persing from Grayling, and Jacob Sucaet of Roscommon, all dual enrolled high school at Kirtland Community College students, were awarded scholarships for their involvement in the Kendall College of Art and Design's Senior Art Competition.

Col. (Ret) Dennis D. Hull, the former Camp Grayling, commander was awarded the Department of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award and Medal.

Dave Malm, Weyerhaeuser Company's Northeast Region Strand Technologies



The 147 members of the 1071st Maintenance Company, based out of Camp Grayling, returned home after serving 14 months of active duty that included 12 months in Iraq. Above, Spc. Adam Johns gets a hug from his mother, Toni Johns, after the troops came off their busses at the Grayling High School.



A nine-foot bronze statue, aimed at illustrating the story of creation and salvation, was brought to the St. Mary's Church as part of the church's \$2 million addition and renovation project. Above, Tony Bellomo, a sculptor and designer from Mt. Clemens who specializes in liturgical art, centers the statue, which weighs just under one ton.

Manufacturing manager, named Ian Faulkner, who has worked for the company for 20 years, as his replacement as the general manager of the Grayling Structurwood mill.

30

Local skier Jon Handy placed first in his age division in a slope

style competition at the Cammy Potter Boarding for Breast Cancer event held at Crystal Mountain.

Grayling area residents rolled out their red, white and blue as they welcomed the men and women of the 1071st Maintenance Company home as

they returned to the community after serving in Iraq.

Ron Mavis, the owner of the Sno-Trac Village in Lovells, hired New Generation Park Models of Elkhart to build custom design 400-square foot units that can withstand winter weather and can be used year-round.



# Year 4 in Review

## April '06 - Year In Review

6  
Air Way Automation added an Omax water jet cutter to the firm's line of equipment, helping the company avoid outsourcing jobs to foundries in the region and gaining more control on costs and the timing of when equipment can be delivered to customers in the automotive industry.

Chris Maybury, a native of Birmingham, England, who worked as a mechanical engineer for the Big Three Auto companies, began teaching quilting classes at Fabrics & More.

Patrick Coleman, president of U.P. Engineers & Architects, gave a presentation to Grayling officials about turning the winter season into an advantage, recommending the planning of festivals and events to encourage people to get out during the winter months, and also suggested the city place more holiday decorations in the city park.

Jason Drudge and Nathan "Moses" Peters, both students at Grayling High School and members of the GHS track and field team, were top finishers in Clare's 2006 St. Patrick's Day 5K and 10K races. Drudge won

the 5K race with a final time of 17:45, and was among more than 100 runners who competed in the 5K event. Peters won 10K event with a finish time of 34:43, which featured more than 30 participants.

13  
Crawford County residents kicked off the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life campaign with an event held at the Grayling Eagles Club.

Grayling resident Tracy Chandonais delivered her son, Kadan Joel, at her home by herself as the boy made a quick entry into the world.

The congregation at the St. Francis Church, in conjunction with the Gift of Life of Michigan, held an awareness event for Pat Kucharek, who has been placed on a list of people who are waiting for a kidney transplant.

Crews from Slagter Construction of Wayland began work on the I-75 Business Loop bridge at the exit leading into Grayling, forcing traffic to detour around the community's main business districts. Michigan Department of Transportation officials changed their plans to do the bridge reconstruction

work in September 2005 after meeting with Grayling City Council and Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce officials. Business owners said that they still count on senior citizens, families, golfers and people taking color tours for business in September.

20  
Terry Warrington, a member of the Mason-Griffith Trout Unlimited Chapter, gave an introduction to fly fishing for the children at Devereaux Memorial Library called Go Fish, explaining what fly fishing is all about, demonstrating the equipment used and showing the youngsters how to tie flies.

The City of Grayling's Downtown Development Authority unveiled plans for Michigan Avenue a streetscape project, which included constructing brick paved sidewalks, adding landscaping and enhancing parking options.

The Grayling Alumni Association kicked off a campaign to recruit more members and gather additional information about students who have attended schools in Crawford County.

AuSable River Canoe

Marathon organizers announced plans to hold the AuSable Spring Trials, a new fund raising event giving the opportunity for a team of six paddlers to experience the challenge of a non-stop river trip from Grayling to Oscoda.

27  
Kirtland Community College student athletes and local youth celebrated Earth Day and pitched in to clean up the Grayling Fish Hatchery grounds through the 4-H Life's Better With a Mentor Program.

Priscilla Geyer started as the curator for the Crawford County Historical Museum, allowing the Crawford County Historical Society to offer more opportunities to visitors and students.

The Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited purchased an AuSable riverboat built by Grayling High School alternative education program students Travis Isenhauer, Kayla Barnett and Marshall Lobsinger along with their instructor Terry Dickinson. Funds from the sale of the riverboat, which took a year to build, went into the Grayling High School's Save Our Students fund, a fund created to assist students who experience



Crews from Slagter Construction of Wayland worked on the I-75 Business Loop bridge at the exit leading into Grayling. The exit into the community was closed while the bridge facelift was being completed.

medical or financial hardships.

The Headwaters Land Conservancy announced the establishment of the Arnold Ochs' conservation easement on the north branch of the AuSable

River, allowing for the preservation of two miles of riverfront property included in the 270-acre property located near the historic Dam Four site, an area renowned among trout fishermen.

## May '06 - Year In Review

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A wildfire, which started in Huron-Manistee National Forest, destroyed 6,000 acres of land and over a dozen cabins and outbuildings, forced about 50 residents from their homes in the Eldorado community in South Branch Township and prompted the American Red Cross to establish an emergency shelter at the South Branch Township Hall.

The Lovell's Township Historical Society held its fourth annual Trout Opener, featuring Chris Helm, an internationally known master fly tier who demonstrated some of his tying techniques at the event.

Crawford AuSable School District voters approved a school funding proposal that allows the school district to freeze taxes at 4.2 mills for the next five years to generate \$1.9 million to pay for busses, energy conservation projects and school building improvements. Judith R. Gorski, the former Grayling High School principal, was elected to the school board, and Carol E. Ramaswamy, the school board treasurer, retained her seat on the board.

A new organization called

Uptown Live in Downtown Grayling announced plans to hold two music and entertainment events in downtown Grayling to help raise funds for the planned skate park behind the Grayling City Hall.

11  
A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Mercy Hospital Grayling to launch the hospital's \$2.3 million emergency room department expansion, which will add 14,272 square feet of new space and make 17 beds available to emergency room patients.

The Saginaw District of the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church announced that Dr. William Cargo would serve as the new pastor for the the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Cargo came to the community after serving the congregation at the the United Methodist Church in Oscoda.

Eight Grayling High School graduates were honored for their personal and professional accomplishments as they were inducted into the school's Alumni Hall of Fame. The inductees, the third group of former students inducted into the

Grayling High School's Alumni Hall of Fame, included Dr. Larry C. Andrews, Christina Meldrum, Dr. Daniel Meldrum, Melissa L. Meldrum-Aaberg, Mandi A. Murray, Amy (Hough) Nolan, Dr. Kevin M. Sloan and Damon D. Thayer.

18  
Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Marshals Service informed Laura Gooder of Frederic that her daughter, Genevieve Rachel Nielsen, who was kidnapped by her estranged husband in 1976, was alive in Arizona. Genevieve was 2-years-old when her father, Eric Douglas Nielsen, picked her up for an overnight visit on May 8, 1976 but never returned. He told the child that her mother was killed in a car accident, and lived in Florida, California and Arizona over the years, using various aliases.

The Grayling City Council approved a bid of \$541,988 from Robert T. Cole Construction Inc. of Cadillac for the planned city park project which included building a boardwalk along the AuSable River, building a fishing pier and creating a canoe and kayak launch. The former

Crawford County Library building, which is owned by the city, was renovated to make public rest rooms available for events held in the park.

Forty two-person paddling teams and 34 individual paddlers competed in the Roscommon Pro-Am C-2 and C-1 canoe races, held on the South Branch of the AuSable River in Roscommon on May 6-7. Competitors included several local paddlers and several AuSable River Canoe Marathon paddlers.

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The Grayling City Police Department returned a 45-caliber pistol, which had been stolen from the Crawford County Historical Museum on June 19, 1996, to Ralph Stevens. The pistol belonged to the late Levi Stevens, who served in the Company B, 125th Infantry which assembled at Camp Grayling before deploying for Europe for World War I. The pistol was confiscated from a juvenile by a police officer from the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

The Crawford County Board

of Commissioners gave Sheriff Kirk Wakefield permission to hire the seasonal traffic safety officer to work from Memorial Day to Labor Day, policing traffic accidents and patrolling the main roads which become more congested during the tourism season.

Steven E. Chester, the director of the Department of Environmental Quality Director awarded Weyerhaeuser Grayling OSB the Neighborhood Environmental Partners Award for the companies efforts to improve the environment.



Dozens of competitors took part in the Mad Rush Adventure Race, hosted by Grayling's AuSable River Rats. Participants had to hike, bike and canoe their way across a series of check points, all the while using a map and compass to stay on course in the uncharted wetlands.

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# Year In Review

## June '06 - Year In Review

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The Crawford AuSable School District inducted its second round of former students into the Grayling High School's Military Hall of Honor, which included 234 new veterans among the 832 men and women who have served the county that have been honored.

Crawford County officials approved plans to sign the community's non-motorized pathway system with a \$42,000 grant received from the U.S. Forest Service.

The Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club in Grayling raised \$312 at a bowling fund raiser for the Grayling Hospital for Animal's Pet Angel Fund, a fund created to help treat pets who are in need of medical treatment and their owners can not afford to pay the bills.

Bob Bennett, Terry Bloomquist, Monte Burmeister, Fred Fisher, Wayne Koppa, and

Jim Laurent represented Grayling in the first AuSable Spring Trials race, an event held to kick off the canoeing season in the community and raise funds for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

**8**  
Students in Grayling High School's building trades class began construction on the school's new weight room facility, made possible by over \$120,000 in donations and materials that were donated for the school for the project.

Military pilots dazzled hundreds of people who attended the community appreciation Day held at the Grayling Air Guntery Range.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering committee and students from Grayling High School's building trades class built a shelter adjacent to the kids's fishing pond, enabling volunteers who assist young anglers to store

equipment and keep out of the elements.

**15**  
Kirtland Community College was awarded a \$800,000 grant aimed at retraining workers who have lost jobs due to plant closures due to the closing of the Georgia-Pacific mill in Gaylord.

The Grayling Township Planning Commission approved a special use permit, which allowed the Animal Shelter of Crawford County to be built on the Crawford County Fairgrounds property near the intersection of M-93 and Old 27.

The Crawford County Historical Museum announced plans to hold an event called History Rocks 2006 to help generate funds for the museum and garner more youth involvement in museum projects.

**22**  
The Crawford County Planning Commission approved an amendment for Forest

Dunes, allowing the multi-million dollar golf development to step up plans to develop housing and condominiums on the property.

The AuSable River Festival Parade Committee selected Brian Ashton to be the parade marshal for the parade, which had the theme "Music, Music, Music."

Construction crews broke ground for a new 9,200-square-

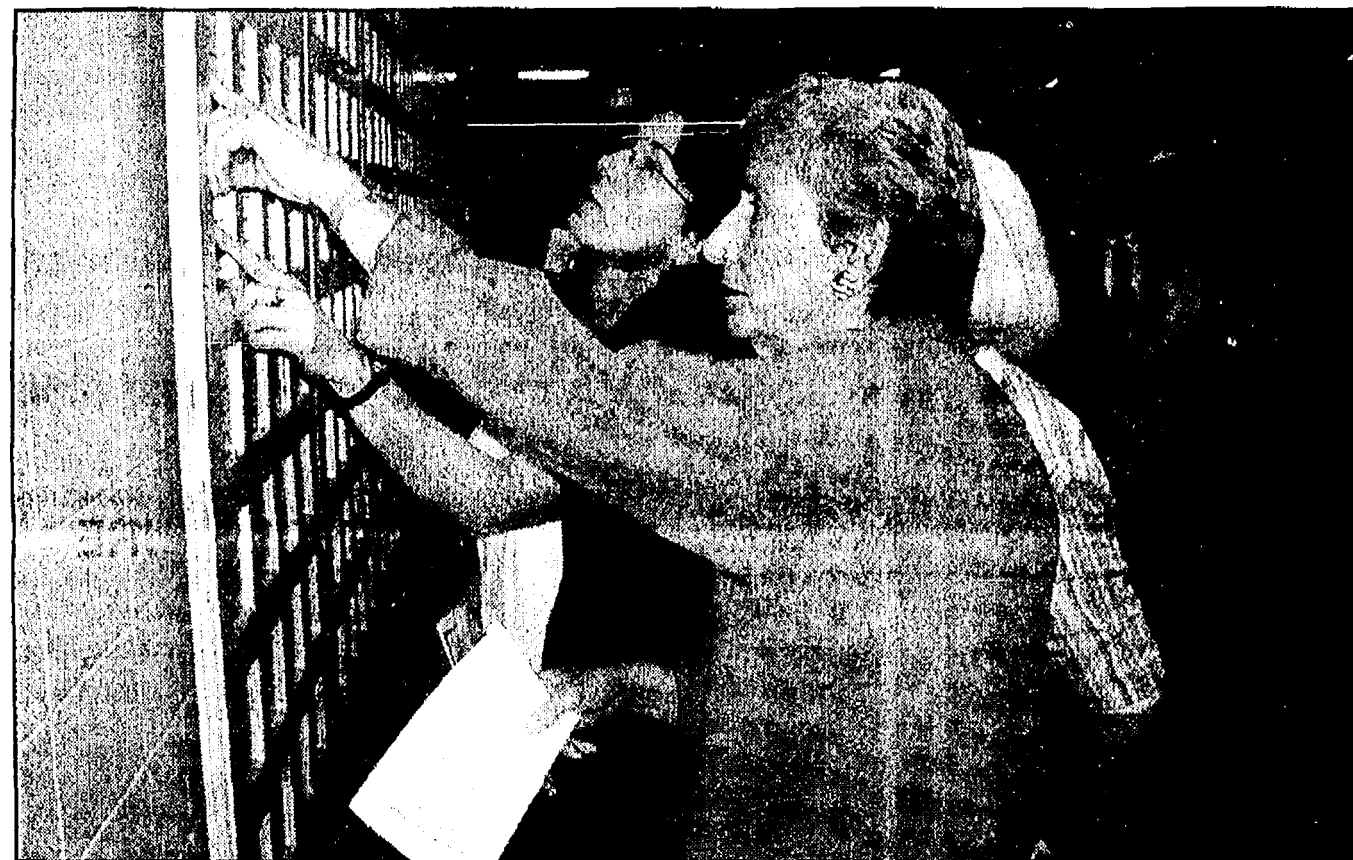
foot medical office building on a site adjacent Mercy Hospital Grayling, where new surgical services and rehabilitation services offices will be located.

**29**  
About 1,000 people attended the Yankee Air Force's Air Show at the Grayling Army Airfield, which was held in conjunction with the AuSable Adventure Rally, a motorcycle rally organized to raise funds for the

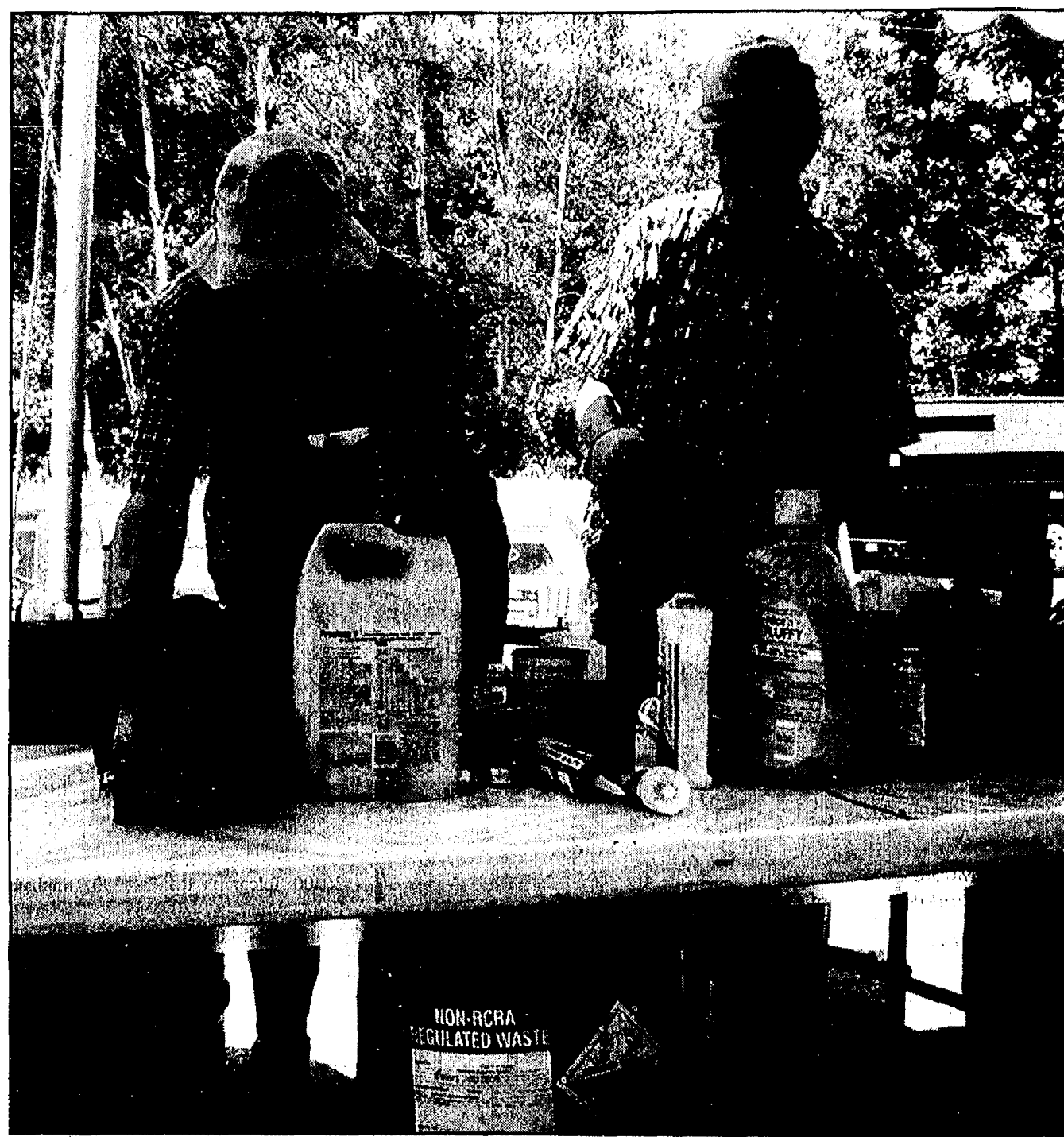
Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe unexpectedly resigned from his position after holding the job for six and a half years.

The Crawford AuSable School Board approved a \$11,500 bid from AuSable Construction for a building renovation project at the Grayling Elementary School to improve the energy efficiency of the building.



The Crawford AuSable School District inducted its second round of former students into the Grayling High School's Military Hall of Honor. Pictured, Mary Knibbs and Holly Knibbs look at the plaques at GHS.



Crawford County held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the parking lot of the county building. Pictured, volunteer Ron Wood and Crawford County environmental monitor Bruce Patrick sort through items that were dropped off for the hazardous waste collection.

## LEGAL ACTION

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an open position with the Crawford County Health and Human Services Agency. Members of this board assume responsibilities and duties to set goals and objectives to meet community needs. The board assures through policy and procedures, that the agency programs are translated with both efficient and effective services. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County resident, have a genuine desire to devote time and effort to develop a knowledge of public welfare. The deadline to submit applications is Friday December 29, 2006. Applications may be sought from Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

### Grayling Township to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 10th, at 7 p.m. in the township board room to take public comments on the establishment of a special assessment district for the purpose of repaving Clough Drive west of Danish Landing Road, and Holtcamp Lane.

Both roads are private roads and the cost of the entire project will be reimbursed to the township by the adjoining property owners.

This is the second of two required hearings under Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended. The purpose of the hearing is to determine who will perform the work, at what cost, and how the cost will be spread among the various property owners.

Persons wishing to comment on this project should plan to attend the public hearing, or send written and signed comments to the township to be read into the official record.

Send comments to: Terry Wright, Supervisor; Grayling Township; PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright  
Grayling Township Supervisor

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the West 1/2

of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes East (along the East and West 1/4 line) 563.2 feet; thence North 9 degrees 35 minutes East, 1323.7 feet; thence North 27 degrees 35 minutes East, 400 feet; thence North 1 degree 40 minutes East, 171.25 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 80 degrees 25 minutes West, 135 feet to the Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence North 13 degrees 04 minutes East (along said river bank) 200.4 feet; thence South 80 degrees 25 minutes East, 225.2 feet to the Westerly right of way of Chicksaw Trail; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes West (along said right of way), 202.8 feet; thence North 80 degrees 28 minutes West, 135.0 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the waters edge of the AuSable River

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC H 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #119747F01

### MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Darrel M. Sauter, a single man, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated July 1, 2003, and recorded on August 15, 2003 in Liber 647 on pages 546 through 552 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$54,604.38, including inter-

est at 15.00% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold as two separate parcels to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Lot 154, Grayling Mobile Estates #4, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan: According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 37, Crawford County Records, Tax Code: 20-040-45-283-00-154-00.

AND

Lot 153, Grayling Mobile Estates #4, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan: According to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 37, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.324-1a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale.

Date: December 4, 2006

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.  
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)  
Attorney for Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee  
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219  
Bay City, MI 48707  
989-892-4574

-14-21-28-4-11



# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda K. Lawyer, a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Comerica Bank, a Michigan State Chartered Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2002, and recorded on July 11, 2002 in Liber 587 on Page 607, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine And 31/100 Dollars (\$83,699.31), including interest at

6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel No. 2 of Squire Valley Estates being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 700.82 feet along the North line of the Section, thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 1434.95 feet along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the N.Y.C.R.R. for a point of beginning; thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 125.08 feet along said R.O.W. line; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 3563.02 feet, thence North 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds East 124.30 feet

along the West line of the section to a point which is South 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1451.27 feet along the West line of the section from the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East 3546.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel No. 3: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 700.82 feet along the North line of the Section thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 1560.03 feet along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the N.Y. C.R.R. for a point of beginning; thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 124.43 feet along said R.O.W. line, thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 3580.79 feet, thence North 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds East 123.70 feet along the West line of the section to a point which South 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1575.57 feet along the West line of the section from the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East, 3563.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Ingress and Egress to the above described parcel of land is hereby granted over an easement 66 feet wide whose center line is described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of the Section, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 700.82 feet, thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 2657.86 feet along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the N.Y.C.R.R. for a point of beginning; and running thence from said point of beginning South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 1309.77 feet to a point, and thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds East 1339.80 feet; and also over an easement 33 feet wide whose West line begins at a point which is South 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1326.57 feet along the West line of the section from the Northwest corner of said Section 11, and running along the Section line to a point which is 13.63 feet Southerly of the West 1/4 corner. The above described land is subject to use by others over such parts of the above described easements which lie within the subject property.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allen L. Labo and Laura K. Labo, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Homeowners Loan Corp., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2004, and recorded on January 28, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 479, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five And 28/100 Dollars (\$91,675.28), including interest at 9.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, AuSable Trails Subdivision, being part of the North East 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #067814F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vickie R. Odden and Timothy Odden, wife and husband, as tenants by the entirety, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded August 5, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 573, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$65,883.75) including interest at 9.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 10, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North one-half of the North one-half of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8 Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 7, 2007  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.3187  
-7-14-21-28

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sara Priebe and Robert Belcher, single persons, joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2004, and recorded on June 21, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 286, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Eighty And 90/100 Dollars (\$110,080.90), including interest at 9.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 17 and 18, Block 1, of Oak Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #088500F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles A. Gilbert, Jr., An Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2003, and recorded on December 3, 2003 in Liber 660 on Page 411, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven And 14/100 Dollars (\$42,627.14), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 10, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 79, 80 and East 1/2 of Lot 78, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 7, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #105572F02

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and rerecorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seven And 90/100 Dollars (\$75,507.90), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the RECORDED Plat Thereof, as RECORDED in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #080629F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heidi J. Smock, a single woman, to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2004 and recorded June 15, 2004 in Liber 669, Page 77, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two And 98/100 Dollars (\$41,972.98) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 10, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2, of Hadley's Second Addition, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats. Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 7, 2006  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 310.1143  
-7-14-21-28

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Joyce Harland and Paul J. Harland, Wife and Husband to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 19, 2004 and recorded August 2, 2004 in Liber 670 Page 716 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2004 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WHQ1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$102,640.92) including interest 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 708 Plum St, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: NOVEMBER 30, 2006  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2004 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd, Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 06-60049

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Housing Commission will be holding a public hearing on its Agency plan. The Annual Plan is a compilation of the Housing Commissioner's functional policies. The Five-year Plan is a guide for Housing Commission activities in the future.

As these plans are constructed, the Housing Commission must allow public review of these policies and allow for comment. Therefore, as of January 1, the Agency Plan and its constituent plans will be available for public review at the Housing Commission's office, located at 308 Lawndale Drive. At the regularly scheduled meeting, on January 9th, at 6:30 p.m. public hearings will be held in order to receive any public comments on the plans.

## Brownfield Authority - Board Appointment

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are seeking applications for an open position on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The authority works to redevelop contaminated, blighted and/or functionally obsolete properties in Crawford County. Applications can be submitted through December 29, 2006 at 4:00 pm to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## Crawford County Planning Commission Board Position

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for positions on the Planning Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest and foresight in future planning and community growth in planning and zoning for Crawford County. Must be able to make good decisions and participate at monthly meetings held every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Applications may be sought from and returned to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, no later than December 29, 2006 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## Maple Forest Township Notice of Open Position

The Township of Maple Forest is seeking an individual to fill a vacancy on the Maple Forest Township Planning Commission Board. The term for this position is 2 (two years) beginning January of 2007.

Qualification include:

- Maple Forest Township land owner
- Maple Forest Township registered voter

Interested applicants may contact planning commission members by January 1, 2007:

Bernard Feldhauser, Secretary (989) 348-7397  
Ernest Wagner, President (989) 348-1411

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing as a step to close out a grant received from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The grant allowed the City to abandon two old undersized water mains that crossed the AuSable River and replaced them with a new water main. The project cost \$210,483 of which \$168,386 was federal funds and \$42,097 was City of Grayling funds. This project has been completed, and the public hearing will allow citizens to make comments for the public record which will help capture the project's impact to the community.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, January 08, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Michele Moshier  
City Clerk

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# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeani Stepke, An Unmarried Woman and Larry M. Ebersole, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2005, and recorded on November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 684, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Six And 38/100 Dollars (\$121,866.38), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the West half of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 1104.91 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 466.01 feet to an intermediate traverse line along Kalka Creek; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 32 seconds West along said traverse line 199.61 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 470.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 33 seconds West 199.74 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records. The North and South Lot lines extend Westerly to Kalka Creek. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from Twin Peaks Road being 33.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.87 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 329.63 feet; thence South 05 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds West 354.39 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road and the point of ending of this centerline description. Also together with and subject to a 30 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from a private drive being 15.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.87 feet; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 329.63 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 05 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds West 354.39 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road and the point of ending of this centerline description, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
Dated: December 21, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #119812F01

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.  
ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.  
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy James Gillette, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2005, and recorded on August 3, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 495, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight And 29/100 Dollars (\$82,798.29), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 17, 2007.  
Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot numbered 13, Red Pine Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 7, Crawford County Records.  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.  
Dated: December 14, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC D 248.593.1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #118667F01

## SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD DECEMBER 11, 2006 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Summers, and Hartman. Absent: Balmes. There were 7 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Treasurer, and Planning and Zoning.

There were 4 pieces of correspondence.

### Old Business:

1. The DNR has given us until next summer to either purchase the present transfer sit or move out. The board is considering constructing a new transfer site on our property or implementing door to door pickup and letting residents decide. It would cost approximately \$20,000 to do testing on the existing transfer site to check for pollution.

### New Business:

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Riley to let the Supervisor com: to an agreement with the school districts for summer tax collection, same amount as last year. Motion carried.  
2. The zoning administrator and hearing officer has been working on three sites in the township with dangerous buildings that need to be tore down. The lowest bid was approximately \$8,500 and discussion as to how we will pay for it. Motion by Summers and seconded by Hartman to proceed with the lowest bid for cleanup and spend up to \$11,000. Motion carried.  
3. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Summers to approve the Holiday dates for the next year as presented. Motion carried.  
4. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Summers to allow our maintenance person to work one time per month at the Grayling recycling center, when he has time, for the next year. Motion carried.  
5. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Summers to pay the AP bills. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory J. Calkins, An Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2006, and recorded on July 10, 2006 in Liber 682 on

Page 282, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five And 67/100 Dollars (\$58,995.67), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 68 feet of lot 7, Block 3, of Hadley's amended addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in liber 01 of plats, page 08, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 28, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #120783F01

## MORTGAGE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GERALD D SMITH AND SUSAN M SMITH, HIS WIFE TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 05, 2005, and recorded on May 18, 2005, in Liber 675, on page 505, in CRAWFORD county Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2005-4 HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred ten thousand one hundred fifty seven and 34/100 Dollars (\$110,157.34), including interest at 8.340% per annum. WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on January 31, 2007.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as: THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SECTION 7, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
DATED: December 28, 2006  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

ATTORNEY FOR: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2005-4 HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 Assignee of Mortgage

For More Information Call:  
(248) 540-7701

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cheryl A. Russell, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2004, and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 131, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty And 86/100 Dollars (\$78,680.86), including interest at 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Sherwood Forest, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 28, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC G 248.593.1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #111070F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Rakis aka Jeffrey P Rakis, A Married Man and Nicholas B Baynham, A Single Man as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2005, and recorded on July 19, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 355, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four And 52/100 Dollars (\$110,354.52), including interest at 6.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 10, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel D: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said section 3; Thence South 1 degree 22 minutes 45 seconds West (along the Section line), 598 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing South 1 degree 22 minutes 45 seconds West, 326 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West, 1347.16 feet; Thence North 1 degree 40 minutes 15 seconds East 326 feet; Thence North 89 degree 53 minutes 37 seconds East, 1345.46 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
Dated: December 7, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC D 248.593.1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #116747F01

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by **Tammy A. Jackson, an unmarried individual, of 8153 North M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653**, Mortgagor, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated **August 15, 2000**, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on August 24, 2000, at Liber 516 pages 108115, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and 25/100 (\$58,850.25) Dollars, including interest at 6.9% percent per annum.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 10 th day of

January, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in the mortgage, to pay the total amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, beginning at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 45 minutes East along the West line thereof, 219.4 feet; thence South 49 degrees 32 minutes East, 579.6 feet to the right of way line of Highway M144; thence North 40 degrees 28 minutes East along same 165 feet; thence North 49 degrees 32 minutes West 724.2 feet to the point of beginning, South Branch Township, Crawford County.

Street Address: 8153 North M18, Roscommon Tax parcel No. 20-061-033-006-280-00

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, of 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.

Dated: November 30, 2006  
JUA'REZ & JUA'REZ, PC, Attorneys For Mortgagee  
132 South Eighth,  
West Branch, MI 48661  
(989) 345-0601

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Alwilda M. McKinstry, a single person, to U.S.D.A. Rural Development dated November 23, 1988, and recorded in Liber 290 page(s) 417. Said mortgage was subsequently assumed by Joy B. Wright, a single person, in an agreement dated August 26, 1991. Default has occurred in a mortgage made by **Joy B. Wright, a single person**, of 2741 E. M-72, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to U.S.D.A., Rural Development, 3001 Cooldige Road, East Lansing, Michigan, dated August 26, 1991 and recorded on September 16, 1991 in Liber 330, Page(s) 486 in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$74,812.44. The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on **January 24, 2007 at 10:00a.m.** local time, in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 8.75 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale. The property is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, and described in the mortgage as: Being a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the E 1/4 corner of Section 16, T26N, R2W, thence South 88° 43' 40" W along the East and West 1/4 line, 1485.91 feet, thence North 00° 41' 42" West, 59.44 feet for a POB; Thence continuing North 00° 41' 42" West, 329.17 feet, thence North 89° 58' 50" West, 145.16 feet, thence South 00° 42' 08", 271.13 feet, thence South 68° 17' 00" East, 156.97 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.  
Dated: December 21, 2006  
For further information contact: Rural Development, 240 W. Wright St., West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-5470 ext. 4

Kirk C. Ellsworth (P39700)  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
2920 Blueberry PL  
Saginaw, Michigan 48603  
(989) 790-0994

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Ferguson and Jennifer L. Ferguson, husband and wife, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006, and recorded on February 14, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 834, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Everhome Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Nine And 46/100 Dollars (\$92,809.46), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence East 330 feet to the Place of Beginning; thence North parallel with the West line of West 1/2 of said Southeast 1/4 to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence East on said 1/4 line 165 feet; thence South at right angles 160 rods to the South line of said Section 29; thence West 165 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
Dated: December 21, 2006  
For more information, please call:  
FC R 248.593.1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #117828F01

## MORTGAGE SALE

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by **Harold E. Baker and Carolynne Baker**, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated April 19, 1991 and was recorded on April 19, 1991 in Liber 324 on beginning on page 51 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now **Ninety One Thousand Sixty Eight and 84/100 (\$91, 668.84) Dollars.**

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on **February 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.**, local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 8.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner thereof and running thence South 89°44' 1/2" East on the North line thereof 487 feet to the West line of County Road, thence South 2°00' West along same 685 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 2°00' West along same 100 feet; thence North 89°44' 1/2" West, 200 feet, thence North 2°00' East, 100 feet; thence South 89°44' 1/2" East 200 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will expire **six (6) months** from the date of sale unless the property is deemed to be abandon pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 28, 2006  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,  
F/K/A THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION,  
OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
December 29, 1983

A section of roof above the finishing and shipping area at the Grayling Weyerhaeuser Structurwood plant collapsed around noon Christmas day, no one was injured.

The year of 1983 turned out to be a trendsetter in Crawford County in different ways. The first ever Crawford County Fair was launched successfully Aug. 19-21, despite a heat wave with temperatures reaching 94 degrees and higher. With more warm weather, this time in February, the entire Grayling Winter Sports Carnival had to be cancelled for the first time in 58 years. The Grayling Fish Hatchery was reopened for the first time since 1965 and became a hot tourist spot attracting 37,000 visitors. During 1983, school taxes were collected for the first time in the summer helping the district save about \$96,000. It was also the year a newly-formed Beaver Creek Fire Department made their first official fire run to a house. Governor Jim Blanchard inspected 7,000 National Guard Troops in his first review Aug. 12 at Camp Grayling.

Twenty-four accidents involving 50 vehicles occurred on I-75 in Crawford County Saturday, Dec. 24, during a snowstorm. Crawford County Sheriff Joe White said visibility was poor

due to blowing snow, but the biggest problem was motorists who wouldn't slow down even after seeing flares and flashing lights around accident scenes.

An extra-terrestrial Star Wars theme will be featured in the ice sculpture contest this year in conjunction with the Winter Carnival.

Groundwork has started toward a countywide change to a street and number address system instead of the current rural route and box number used by the Grayling and Frederic post offices.

46 Years Ago  
December 29, 1960

Clair's Service will be the new name of the Fred Lamm Standard Service Station when the present owner sells to Clair Melroy, Jr., of Grayling on January 1. Mr. Lamm has been in business at this location for 22 years.

Crawford County's two high school basketball teams get back into action next week after a holiday layoff. The Grayling Vikings, leaders in the Northern Class C conference and the only undefeated team left in the loop. They get right back into play as they host the Harbor Springs Rams on Jan. 9. The Frederic Eagles fresh from the Gaylord St. Mary's Holiday Tournament, hit the road Friday night as they travel to Central Lake.

In the team statistics for the

first five basketball games of the season, the Grayling Vikings are shooting at a .325 clip from the floor and .570 from the foul line. Statistical figures, gathered by Arthur Thayer, show that sophomore Tom Wright is leading the pack from the field as he registered a .527 on 10 field goals made out of 19 attempted. Next in line is Tim Neal, with a .472 percent, Sherm Neal, with .450, Frank Gross, with .435. John Marshall really is the leader with a cool .500 but his figure was compiled on only 1 out of 2.

The regular meeting of the Grayling City Council was held on Dec. 12, 1960. Thomas Stancil was one of the citizens present and he outlined a program that he would like worked out for the young people of the community by having a dance at the theatre each Wednesday night between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Supervision will be by Mr. Stancil. The members of the council voted their approval for the program.

69 Years Ago  
December 30, 1937

The post office reports an increase of \$400 on postage sales over the previous year; this is the best business ever enjoyed in the history of the Grayling post office.

Clair Melroy, Jr., of Frederic, spent Christmas in Tiffin, Ohio.

Menno Corwin and Carl Hanson left Sunday morning for Lebanon, Ind., to bring back a new school bus for Grayling schools. They arrived home

Tuesday night. The bus is mounted on an International Truck Co. chassis and is an exceptionally good one. It will go into service when school opens. Walter LaMotte is to be the driver. When passing through Indianapolis, they called on Mrs. Gene Baker (Mildred Corwin) and her husband who reside in that city.

Mrs. Charles Owen, daughter Emma Jean and son David of Maple Forest returned home last week from Detroit after having spent 10 days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson and son Ebbie enjoyed the Christmas holiday in Bay City, as guests of Miss Margaret Failing.

92 Years Ago  
December 31, 1914

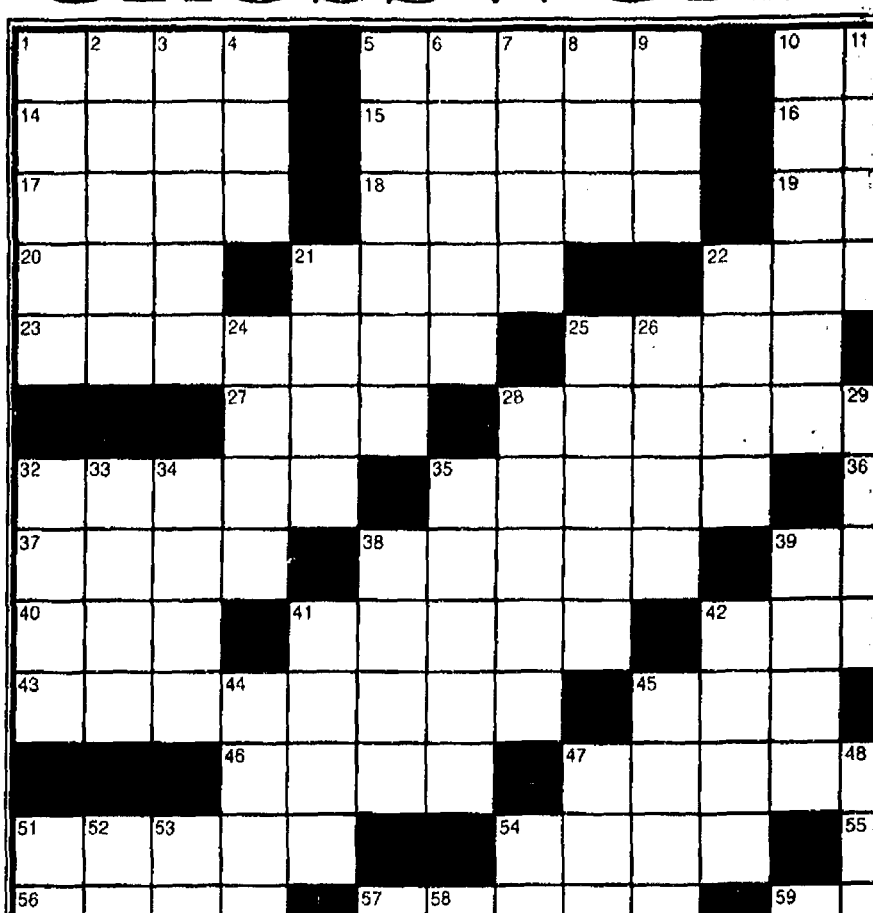
Tomorrow, January 1, will see the retirement from official service of Homer G. Benedict as sheriff and O. Palmer as prosecuting attorney of Crawford County. Mr. Benedict will be succeeded by William H. Cody and Mr. Palmer by Glen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hartwick and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Michelson of Detroit were guests at the Nels Michelson home over Christmas.

Barney Conklin and family have moved into the house lately occupied by John Kelley and family near Mercy Hospital.

Miss Mabel Brasie of the Emil Kraus store is enjoying a vacation with friends in North Branch and Marlette.

## CROSSWORD



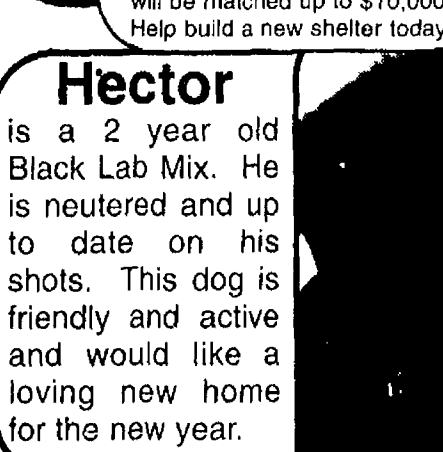
- Across
- Band of material around the outside of the top of a shoe.
  - Attack forcefully.
  - Slender woodwind with a double-reed mouthpiece.
  - Blue dye obtained from plants.
  - Minor 8th-century Hebrew prophet.
  - Molten volcanic rock.
  - Diminutive.
  - Projecting window in an upper story.
  - Acronym for Elektrik Uretim Anonim Sirketi (Turkey).
  - Letter in Greek alphabet.
  - Closing section of a musical composition.
  - Without skill.
  - Process that liberates something.
  - Set of values that give a true statement when substituted into an equation.
  - Acronym for Doctor's Degree in Preventive Medicine.
  - Pertaining to the open water of a freshwater pond.
  - Free from fastening.
  - Like pulp.
  - Young Joey who is a friend of Winnie the Pooh.
  - Black amorphous substance used to make pigments and ink.
  - Places where things join.
  - Place in a fund for accumulation.
  - Move the head in agreement.
  - Extremely cold.
  - Web-footed, long-necked migratory birds.
  - Suffering from anorexia nervosa.
  - Soft, white, brine-cured Greek cheese made from sheep's or goat's milk.
  - Interior part.
  - Inferior hotel.
  - Groom with elaborate care.
  - Humble request for help.
  - Implement used to propel a boat.
  - Finnish form of Eric.
  - Make less rigid.
  - Capital of Norway.
  - Broadway musical by Stephen Schwartz and Charles Strouse.
  - Mission in San Antonio.
  - National Public Radio affiliate in Santa Cruz, CA.
  - Hinge joint in the human leg connecting the tibia and fibula with the femur and protected in front by the patella.
  - Device that indicates signal level strength.
  - World's first rocket-powered aircraft.
- Down
- Provide what is needed.
  - Become one.
  - Band fronted by Justin Broadrick.
  - Change quickly from one emotion to another.
  - Squirt out.
  - Numberless uncontrollable mass of invariably annoying pests.
  - Oldest known portion of the globe.
  - Born with the maiden name of.
  - Girl.
  - Ester of oleic acid.
  - Data transmission rate (bits/second) for modems.
  - Football stadium in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
  - Affording comfort.
  - Sleeveless garment like a cloak but shorter.
  - Very thin, especially from disease.
  - Put something into publishable form.
  - Made angry.
  - Acronym for Original Motion Picture Soundtrack.
  - Playful in an aimless way.
  - Accurate in pitch.
  - Atoms with one or more electrons stripped off, providing a net positive charge.
  - Series of instructions designed to be fed into a computer.
  - Acronym for United States Naval Academy.
  - Middle of the day.
  - Trouble more that the situation deserves.
  - Acute viral disease marked by inflammation of nerve cells of the brain stem and spinal cord.
  - Immediately following in order.
  - Soft, white, brine-cured Greek cheese made from sheep's or goat's milk.
  - Pitney singer.
  - Goddess of the earth.
  - Covered with cracks.
  - Small, rubber-headed hammer used by physicians to test reflexes.
  - Shine with a sudden light.
  - Petty officer on a merchant ship who controls the work of other seamen.
  - City in Belgium.
  - Feel about blindly.
  - Raise one's spirits.
  - Rely on for support.
  - Strong, restless desire.
  - Braid in which strands are intertwined in the center and are free in the "handles" on either side of the diagram.
  - Push down hard.
  - Keats, actress.
  - Turkish weight.

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



**Misty**  
is a 3 year old longhaired, gray cat. She is beautiful and playful and sometimes opinionated. This pretty girl would love to have a family.



**Hector**  
is a 2 year old Black Lab Mix. He is neutered and up to date on his shots. This dog is friendly and active and would like a loving new home for the new year.

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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues
12/20	43	30	0					
12/21	37	21	0.11					
12/22	48	35	0.75	High 37	High 37	High 44	High 34	High 33
12/23	41	34	0.39	Low 30	Low 31	Low 29	Low 26	Low 24
12/24	43	28	0					
12/25	36	33	0					
12/26	32	26	0	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rain / Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



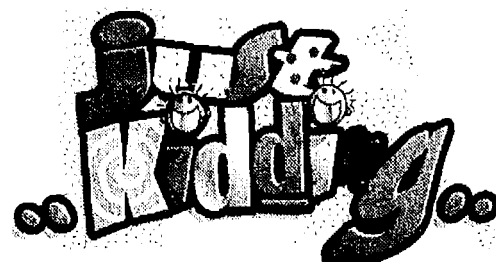
## New Orleans BBQ Shrimp

- |   |   |     |                             |
|---|---|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | dozen whole shrimp                        | 1/2 | tsp. finely ground pepper   |
|   | (10-15 count per pound)                   | 3/4 | tsp. seafood seasoning      |
| 3 | Tbsp. & 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter, softened | 1   | tsp. minced fresh garlic    |
| 1 | tsp. finely chopped fresh rosemary        | 1   | Tbsp. worcestershire sauce  |
|   |   | 3   | Tbsp. beer                  |
|   |   |     | mild bread, heated & sliced |

Prepare shrimp stock. Peel shrimp. Place heads & shells in pot. Add enough water to cover; boil. Reduce heat; simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Strain and set aside.

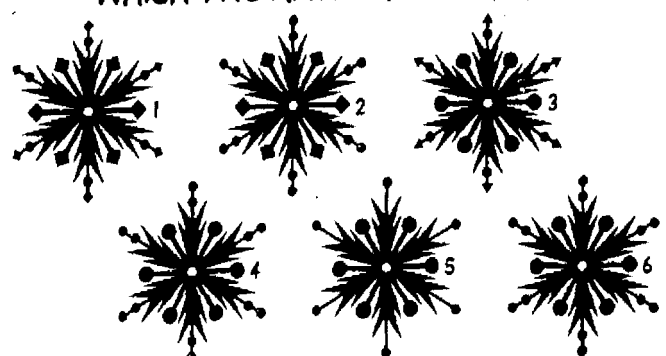
Heat heavy skillet 1-2 minutes over high heat. Add 3 Tbsp. butter, rosemary, pepper & shrimp. Shake skillet back & forth vigorously and cook just until shrimp turn pink. Add seasoning & garlic, then shake skillet constantly for 5 seconds. Add worcestershire and beer. Cook until liquid is almost evaporated, 15-20 seconds. Add 1/4 cup shrimp stock and bring to boil. Cook 20-30 seconds to allow stock to reduce. Add 4 Tbsp. butter. Reduce heat. Shake skillet until butter melts. Sopping up the sauce with bread is half the fun.

Serves six as an appetizer



## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## DID YOU KNOW??

During the California Gold Rush of 1849 miners sent their laundry to Honolulu for washing. Due to high cost in California during these years it was more feasible to send the shirts to Hawaii for service.

## MAZE



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 28, 2006



December 22-January 19

No use in crying over spilled milk. Capricorn. Pick up the pieces and move on to more important matters. A home improvement project is a walk in the park.



March 21-April 19

Objections to an idea are hushed and you are given the green light to proceed. A mixup at home results in a series of comical events. Laugh, Aries.



June 22-July 22

A financial miracle calls for a little celebration. Get out the champagne, order in and relax by the fire. A parade of guests stopping by adds to the merriment.



September 23-October 22

Knowledge puts you in the middle of a precarious situation. You can't back out so try to stay on neutral ground. The formula for financial success is within your reach.



January 20-February 18

Shades of red and green remind you to start preparing for a social engagement. Call in the troops, Aquarius, and get moving. A friend tests the bounds of your relationship.



April 20-May 20

You're not off the hook yet, Taurus. In addition to expressing your innocence, you've got to prove it. A freak incident at work illustrates the need to be more prepared.



July 23-August 22

Shimmers of light comfort you and ease your troubled mind. You remember what is important, Leo, and solutions come naturally. The gift of good health is given to an ailing buddy.



October 23-November 21

You're back in the limelight, Scorpio, and all eyes are on you. Enjoy the moment and take full advantage of it to show off your talents.



February 19-March 20

Thanks is heaped on you for recent efforts. Don't be shy. Step up and accept the applause. Who knows when it will come again? A recently released report boggles you.



May 21-June 21

An overt coverup comes to your attention. Now you must decide what to do with the information. Be careful in how you proceed. You don't want to get burned.



August 23-September 22

Pangs of jealousy make for an uncomfortable situation at a party. Use humor to ease the tension. A pal in crisis takes your advice and seeks professional help. Way to go, Virgo!



November 22-December 21

Not on your life, Sagittarius, do you have the time or the know-how to take over a community project. Decline the offer politely and turn your attention elsewhere.

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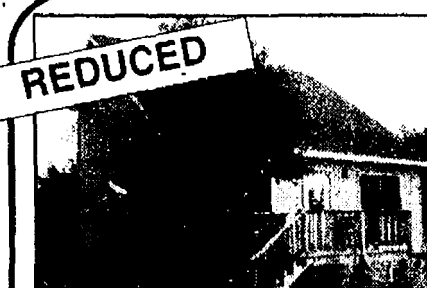


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**10 ACRES OF SECLUSION** newer salt-box home on 10 acres of rolling terrain. 1,120 s.f., 3 BR, 2 full baths, full walk-out basement, beautiful knotty pine vaulted ceiling and pine flooring. 8 x 10 deck, 16 x 10 storage shed and frost free water hydrant. CH-2379 \$89,900



**LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS!!** Completely renovated 1,250 s.f., 3 bedroom, and 1 bath home. Ceramic tile flooring, central A/C, raised six panel doors, drywall interior, whirlpool bath, and new 4 inch well. Adjoins State Land On West Side!! CH-2321 \$88,800 red. \$88,900



**THIS GORGEOUS 2,800 S.F. HALF LOG HOME** JUST COMPLETED ON 10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND. 3BR/2BA custom knotty pine interior. Great-room features Fieldstone Fireplace and Trapezoid windows. 10x40 screened porch overlooking natural hillside setting. 3-car finished garage. 30x40 pole barn. Other features: What a Master BR Suite! 16x30, plus 2 dormers, a gas fireplace, and dock-out onto deck. A must see! CH-1926 \$259,000

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**LOW INCOME** housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06tf/1)

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**EFFICIENCY CABINS** Close to town. One \$350 per month, \$350 security. \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. One \$340 per month, security \$340. \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-28/2)

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom home with office and garage in town. \$520 per month, plus utilities and deposit. 586-899-4405 or 586-786-9060. (LR1/18/07/2)

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** no animals, \$610 a month. Includes all utilities and cable. Above the Frederic Inn. Call 348-8636 or 705-7111, ask for Sis or Lona. (9/28/06tf/2)

**WORKING IN THE AREA** and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (-21-28/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room, dining room and basement. Walking distance to schools and downtown. Application, references, and security deposit required. Contact 989-732-3828. (12/28/06tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 3 bedroom rentals available, \$500 a month, plus security deposit. For more information call Ron at 989-344-2053. (11/16/06tf/2)

**4 RENT** Beautiful 5 acre river-front property with secluded 2 bedroom home. \$650 a month. Pets possible. 425-314-6090. (-21-28-4/2)

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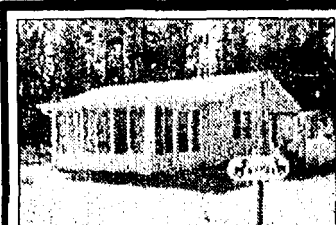
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Charming well maintained home in country setting. 1,152 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, home has been recently remodeled. 30x40 insulated, & heated, garage. Road maintenance incorporated in tax bill. Close to AuSable River & adjoins thousands of acres of Huron National Forest property. #236061 \$97,500



Well taken care of 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with central air, and 30' x 40' heated & air conditioned pole barn with workshop. Excellent location, just a couple of miles from the AuSable River and lots of State Land. #247892 \$112,500



Newly remodeled large colonial style home with 4 large bedrooms, and large family room with fireplace for those cozy winter days. Full, finished basement, 18'x26' cedar barn, gazebo overlooking hardwoods and pines and leading down to Wakeley Creek. Sale includes 1987 F-150 glow truck and much more. #246206 \$175,000

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Very secluded property. Hardwoods, hunting camp special. Lots of orchards in the area. #241380 \$29,900

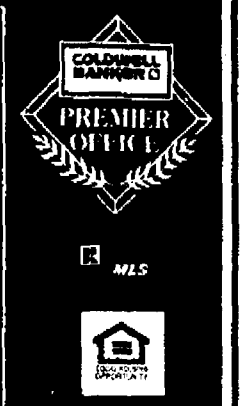
Beautifully wooded 10 acres near Horseshoe Lake, Blue Gill Lake, Bradford Lake and snowmobile trails. Best of all 257 feet on Bradford Creek. #246287 \$40,000

Great location offers golfing and skiing. 1.15 acre parcel includes membership for golfing and skiing at Skyline. Large site is well wooded with mature hardwoods. #244280 \$34,500

Privacy and wildlife comes with this 10 acre parcel. Property is a square 10 perfect for hunting, snowmobiling, or just relaxing in the woods. There is an older mobile home that needs a little TLC, well, no electric and a large white shed. #243082 \$27,000

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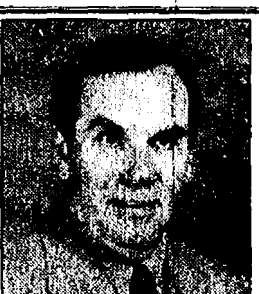
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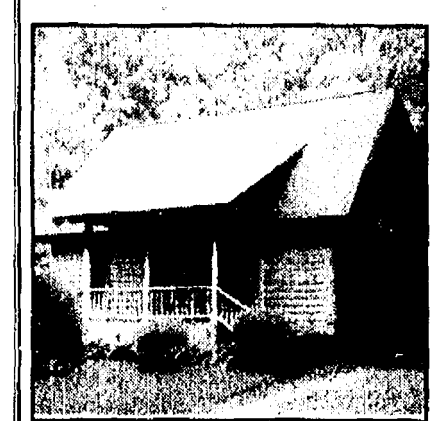
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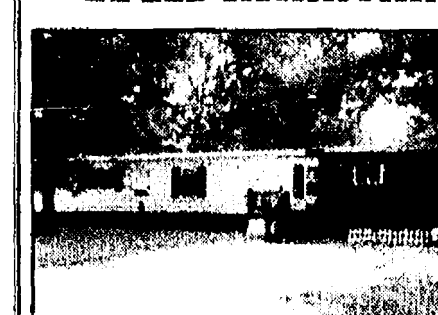
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### Log Home



**THIS BEAUTIFUL LIKE NEW LOG HOME** is on a heavily wooded lot that backs up to state land and includes private access to lovely Blue Lake just a short walk away. The home has an open floor plan with lots of hickory kitchen cabinets, numerous closets and a gas fireplace on the main level. The entire upper level is a fabulous master bedroom suite with huge bathroom which has a large tub and separate shower plus a larger walk-in closet. Also includes a large back deck and covered front deck. All of this in the heart of snow country. \$145,000 #GB-2419

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**THIS WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE** HAS THE FOLLOWING improvements in the last 2-3 years: new metal roof, new stove with central air, new stove and refrigerator. New hot water heater and new vinyl windows. The garage is insulated and has a gas furnace and a wood stove. The back yard is fenced. GB-2369 \$65,900

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**2 BEDROOM** 1 bath house in Grayling, south side. \$400 plus deposit. References. 348-8627. (12/21/06tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** with appliances and garage. 989-348-8471. (-21-28/2)

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**TWO BEDROOM** ground floor apartment located at 2261 Marshall in Grayling. \$450 per month, plus deposit, must have references. Contact Northwood Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-28-4/2)

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** at 911 Elm St. in Grayling. \$450 per month, plus deposit, must have references. Contact Northwood Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-28-4/2)

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**PARAMEDICAL CO.** seeks examiners to complete in-home insurance physicals in Crawford and Otsego counties. Venipuncture experience required. Flexible hours preferred. Fax resume to Portamedic at 517-886-9353. (-21-28-4/3)

**NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION** Posting date: December 18, 2006. Position: Chess Club Coordinator. Qualifications: Coaching elementary age children the rules and strategies of playing chess. Know how to play chess beyond the basic level; manage different levels of chess playing ability; recruit volunteers. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., January 2, 2007. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-21-28/3)

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**SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING** quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (-14-21-28-4/4)

**RIDING LESSONS** Gift certificates. Christmas specials - lesson packages starting at \$75 to \$175. Great horses and ponies. Call Geri at 348-9233 or 989-915-1193. (LR12/28/06/4)

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**SNOW PLOWING** Grayling area, roofs, walkway cleared, call Jerry 989-348-7046. (-7-14-21-28/4)

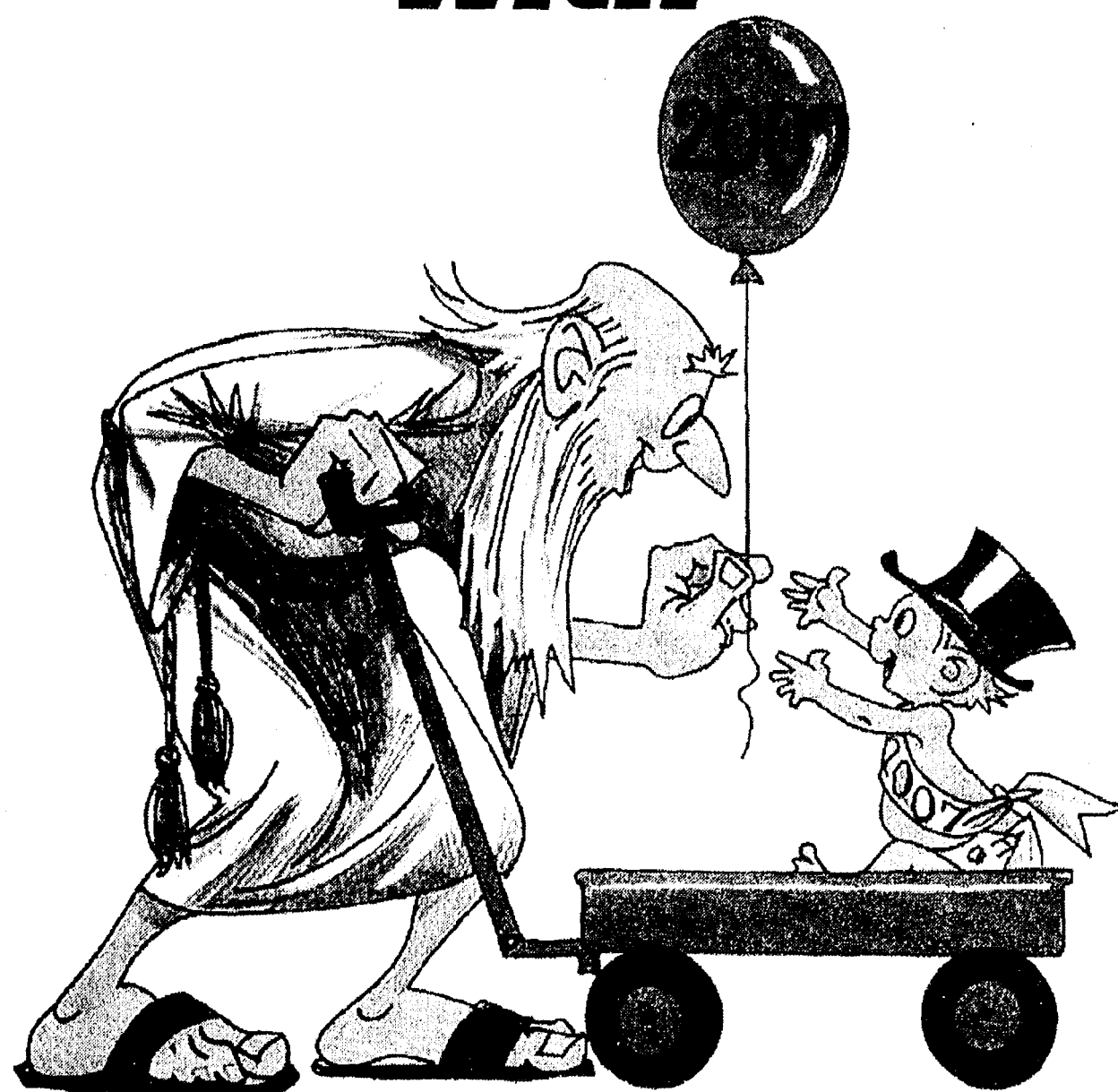
**LIGHT LOAD HAULING** 8 ft x 26 ft flat bed trailer, 15000 pounds or less. Call for estimate 989-390-5342. (-7-14-21-28/4)

**EQUINE DENTISTRY.** Give your horse the help it needs to stay fit and healthy. Call Scott 989-390-5342. Racehorse training also available. (-7-14-21-28/4)

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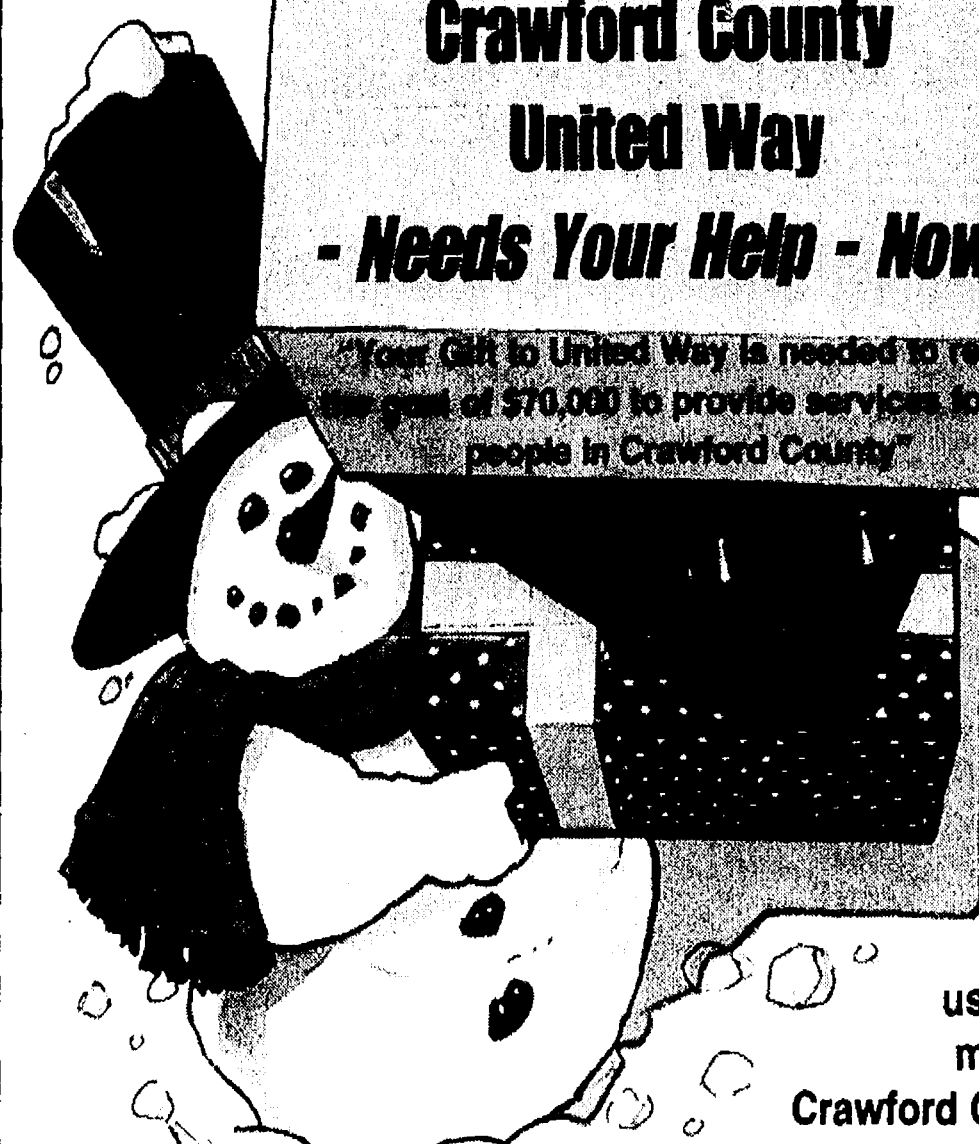
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**AMISH BUILT** pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

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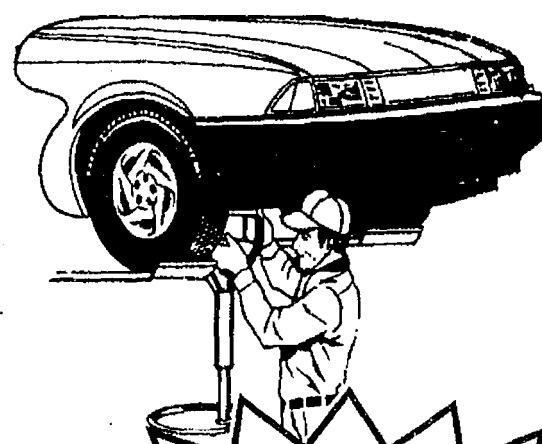
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TINY	DRIEL	EUAS	
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RELEASE	ROOT		
DPH	LIMNETIC		
UNTIE	PULPY	ROO	
SOOT	NODES	FUND	
NOD	GELID	GEES	
ANOREXIC	PAT		
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